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TRAIN OUTRAGE.

BANDITS BOARD CANTON TRAIN.

MUCH LOOTING.

Further details of the robbery of a train on the Canton-Hankow Railway, as a result of which some thirty passengers were kidnapped, are published in the *Canton Gazette*. These show that the train was, on the 12th instant, proceeding slowly after having left Wongshe station, bound for Shaokwan. At 7 p.m. she had arrived in the vicinity of Tsing Fung Ting between Wu-shih and Ma Pa. On arriving at this place four robbers who were passengers on the train, crept along the wagons to the locomotive and pulled out their revolvers to threaten the engine driver and force him to put the brake on and halt. The engine driver being forced was compelled to stop the train.

The locality is situated between the river and high hills. On top of the hill were hidden over a hundred robbers. When the train stopped, they at once blew their bugle as signal and rushed into the train. Besides the four bandits mentioned above, there were over ten more in the train who also brandished their revolvers at the passengers and carried out a thorough search and requisitioned the loot. All the money and goods of the railway staff and passengers were taken away.

An iron safe is placed on the train to receive deposits of money collected by the different stations for transmission to the Wongshe. On the down-train money is kept in the safe but on the up-train there is none. Occasionally small quantities of bad coins are sent back for exchange. These bandits knowing nothing of this, had forced the collector Pang Chun to hand over the key of the safe on penalty of death. As the key is only kept by the head office at Wong Sha or by the different big stations and not in his hands, Pang Chun was unable to hand the keys over. These bandits then struck him on the head and he immediately lost consciousness.

At the time of the robbery, the bandits first expelled all the different street vendors on the roadside, therefore the cattle, fish, native cloth, pigs, sheep and other goods were strewn along the ground. It was dark and cool at the time and the bandits lighted a pile of wood to warm themselves in front of the fire.

A little later there was an empty train coming downwards from Shao Kwan. The bandits fearing that the train was carrying soldiers, opened fire to stop its advance and boarded the train for an examination. Seeing there was nothing in it, they let it pass. Later on, the down train reported that when passing, they saw goods piled up along the roadside, which had not yet been taken away by the bandits. It was then over 8 p.m. Thus the bandits had been engaged in looting for over one hour.

The bandits also kidnapped over thirty persons whom they marched in north-easterly direction towards the hills. It is learnt that those who were kidnapped, were all goods owners and not

MOSCOW SENSATION.

REPORTED EXECUTION OF BRITISH OFFICER.

Paris, Dec. 17. According to *Le Matin*, the Cheka in Moscow is reported to have executed Captain Reilly, a British secret service agent.—*Indopacific*.

FOR KOWLOON.

HOSPITAL OPENS ON MONDAY.

FULL DETAILS.

Kowloon now has its own hospital, and our readers on the mainland will be glad to learn that it will be available to the public as from Monday next. The Kowloon Hospital, which is a Government institution similar to the Government Civil Hospital in Hongkong, will be in charge of Dr. J. T. Smalley, who is already in residence. The institution is up-to-date in every respect, and will supply a long-felt want among the civilian community of Kowloon.

There is an adequate staff already in residence, including the Assistant Matron, Miss M. J. Wilson, and four British nursing sisters. It is intended to increase the number of sisters to eight, at such time as the extended use of the hospital might require. The Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison, the Principal Civil Medical Officer, gave a *Telegraph* representative several interesting details about the Hospital in the course of an interview yesterday afternoon. As Dr. Addison pointed out, there is everything a patient might require, the grounds are spacious, and the site an excellent one. In time the immediate surroundings will be properly developed into a pretty garden, with the planting of shrubbery. There is ample space for any future extensions which may be required, the blocks comprising the hospital buildings having been specially designed with this purpose in view.

The present accommodation is considered ample for immediate requirements. There are 44 beds altogether, 22 in the Asiatic wards and 16 in the European section. The European accommodation is divided into three classes. There are four first-class wards, with one bed in each; four second-class, with two beds each; and one third-class, with four beds. The Asiatic section has two wards, each containing 14 beds.

In addition, there are four children's cots, which can be moved from one ward to another as needed. The charges to patients are to be the same as in the Government Civil Hospital—namely, \$3 a day first-class, \$5 second, and 50 cents third. The charge in the Asiatic wards is to be 50 cents a day.

MOROCCAN OUTLOOK.

MORE TRIBES SUBMIT.

Paris, Dec. 17. In Rabat, 2,000 families of the Melasara tribe have submitted to the French. Yesterday the last of the revolting members of this tribe appeared in a body before the Colonel commanding the station in Obozzan.

All districts in the Obozzan territory have now submitted

DIVORCE TANGLE.

FRENCH LADY WITH-DRAWS SUMMONS.

LAWYER EXPLAINS.

The summons taken out by Madame Leona Maurin against her husband, M. Louis Maurin, for alleged desertion and failure to provide means of support, was withdrawn on an application by Mr. W. B. Hind, the solicitor appearing for Madame Maurin, when the case again came up for hearing at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. At the previous hearing, the defence questioned the validity of the application for maintenance, on the ground that the present union, which took place several months ago in Hongkong, was not good because of the point that a divorce which Madame Maurin obtained in a Paris Court from a former husband, who was an English art student, might not be valid within the construction of the British law, unless the previous husband's domicile in France could be proved beyond all doubt. It was stated that her first marriage took place in New York, and that the divorce was obtained some months before the existing union. Mr. Hind had been engaged in an effort to secure expert French legal advice from Shanghai, and, not being able to obtain this assistance, he applied for the withdrawal of the summons this morning.

Mr. Hind—I have considered the case in all its aspects and I believe the best thing I can do at the moment is to withdraw. I have not got sufficient evidence to continue with the case. His Worship—I understand, Mr. Hind, right up to recently that this first marriage took place in France, and that the last marriage took place in Hongkong? Mr. Hind—That is so, your Worship. I would have to prove that the divorce was valid, and to prove that, I have to prove, first, that her previous husband was domiciled in France. That I cannot prove at the moment, as I have no witness available to prove the question of domicile, and for that reason I am not able to proceed with the case. It may be that the parties will come to a settlement. I hope that they will. If not I may have to re-open the case later.

His Worship—So far as this Court is concerned, the marriage which took place in Hongkong—I am bound to presume it is a legal marriage. Mr. Hind—You would be able to presume it is a legal marriage, until my friend, Mr. Brutton, would place in front of you a document which is a divorce decree from a Paris Court, between an Englishman and a French woman who were married in America. Mr. Brutton would be able to prove that prior to this Hongkong marriage, there was a marriage in America between an Englishman and a French woman, and there was a divorce in France. His Worship—You realise that although the onus is on Mr. Brutton to prove all this, you feel that it would be better to withdraw? Mr. Hind—Yes, because Mr. Brutton would put the document in front of you, and that that would shift the onus at once.

His Worship—You have no objection to the summons being withdrawn, Mr. Brutton? Mr. Brutton—None, your Worship. His Worship—The summons is then withdrawn.

THE MOSUL AWARD.

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MORRIS CASE.

GUILTY ON TWENTY-TWO COUNTS.

London, Dec. 17. Hayley Morris was found guilty on the whole of the twenty-two counts, and his wife on all except six. Mr. Justice Avory, in sentencing the defendants, said that nemesis had overtaken Morris who had gratified his loathsome lust for young girls. The part played by Mrs. Morris was the most disgusting any woman could have played. A police inspector testified that the woman prisoner was bound over in 1922 on a charge of stealing a £1 note while in domestic service. She was found gagged and bound to the bannisters but afterwards admitted that she tied up herself. Morris, who is 36 years of age, described himself as a bill and bullion broker and lived for part of his life in Shanghai, where he is stated to have interests in an extensive business. He purchased in 1922 Pippingford Park of one thousand acres, mainly pleasure grounds.—*Reuter*.

IN AMOY.

CONDITIONS GETTING WORSE.

An Amoy resident, writing us under date of Wednesday last, states that the boycott of British cargo still continues, but there is no marked interference with passenger traffic. At the moment, says the correspondent, the danger of an invasion of Fukien Province by Canton Government troops has been averted, but, at the same time, it is known that commissioned officers of the Canton Army are active in Amoy. The only reason why these activities are not curtailed would seem to be the differences prevailing between the naval and land authorities. Meanwhile the general situation in Amoy is getting worse. Small incidents between students and foreigners are increasing and whenever occasion affords, an excuse is at once made for public demonstrations of a kind which can only be termed as ridiculous by those who know the facts. It is known that Communist meetings have been held with a view to arranging anti-Christian demonstrations on Christmas Day. The officials are aware of this movement and it is hoped that measures will be taken to avoid any untoward incidents. The Douglas steamer Haining, which has just arrived in Hongkong, called at Amoy on her way down, taking on a number of passengers.

FRENCH COLONIES.

DEBATE IN CHAMBER.

Paris, Dec. 17. The discussion of the Colonial Budget commenced in the Chamber. M. Outrey drew the attention of the Government to the possibilities presented in the Colonies for the cultivation of rubber; secondly, to the negotiations regarding the Customs tariff with Japan; thirdly, to the application of Article Seven to officials of the Civil Service and the Treasury; fourthly, to the readjustment of the salaries of Colonial officials and the principles accepted for those of Metropolitan officials; and fifthly to the pensions of Colonial officials. M. Mistral was elected Vice-President of the Chamber.—*Indopacific*.

FRENCH WIRELESS.

TIME SIGNAL CHANGES.

Paris, Dec. 17. From 1st January, 1926, the station at Lyon-Ladone, "not send out any more time signals. The stations at Croix d'Hins (Bordeaux) and that in the Eiffel Tower

FRENCH CRISIS.

FRANC DECLINE MAIN PROBLEM.

LIVELY INCIDENT.

Paris, Dec. 17. M. Doumer has accepted the post of Finance Minister in succession to M. Loucheur. He declared the absolute necessity of balancing the Budget by certain receipts rather than by a stricter control of taxes to permit the lightening of the tax-payers' burden. He hopes then to be able to arrive at a reduction of taxes. The Cabinet has decided that the new financial proposals will constitute the entire programme of the Government. All the parties, including the Cartellists, declare that M. Doumer's effort should be received with the greatest loyalty without regard to party politics. However, many believe that he is starting under unfavourable auspices. The choice of M. Doumer does not meet with the systematic opposition of the Cartel. The papers *L'Ouvre* and *L'Ere Nouvelle* advise the formation of a Technical Committee, the members of which shall be chosen outside of Parliament. In the paper *Journal*, M. Bokanowski insists upon the Government doing its utmost in order to put a stop immediately to the decline of the franc; otherwise, he says, all other problems will run the risk of becoming not being solved.

The Administrative Committee of the Socialist Party, meeting in the presence of the Parliamentary Political Committee, decided to convene a National Congress on the 10th January, 1926, in order to decide the attitude of the party in the present crisis. The Executive Committee of Radical Socialist party has unanimously passed a motion demanding a new arrangement of the assessment, of payment of taxes and a pitiless repression of fraud. Prior to the vote, there was a lively incident between M. Herriot and M. Dervaux, Municipal Councillor of Paris, who reproached M. Herriot for working for the Socialists. M. Herriot stated that, having obtained Socialists to back his radical doctrines, he had remained faithful to the engagements made in 1924. He recalled having refused to form the Cabinet when the Socialists demanded more than he was prepared to give.

The delegates of the Left Group of the Chamber decided to appoint two delegates from each group to elaborate a common programme, but the views exchanged prove that divergences rendered an understanding impossible at the moment. The National Republican League, under the presidency of M. Millerand, has decided to make an appeal to the country.—*Indopacific*.

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MITCHELL TRIAL.

AMERICAN COLONEL SUSPENDED.

FOR FIVE YEARS.

Washington, Dec. 17. Referring to Mr. Week's letter (cabled earlier) as to his being unfit for a high administrative position, Colonel Mitchell to-day declared that both Mr. Weeks and Mr. Coolidge were indirectly misinformed regarding the condition of the aviation and national defence. Col. Mitchell waived the summing up address for the defence and simply read a brief statement to the effect that the truth of his charges was amply proven, adding that he had stated only nineteen Government aeroplanes were fit for service, and now there was only one. The prosecution, addressed the Court, demanded that Col. Mitchell be punished. Mr. Anoth, the Government Counsel, followed and compared Col. Mitchell's conduct to head-hunting among the Philippine savages. He contended that the possible truth of Col. Mitchell's charges had not been established by the defence for the accused under the provisions of the court martial manual.—*Reuter's American Service*.

ALL EIGHT CHARGES UPHOLD. Later. The Court upheld all the eight charges against Mitchell finding him guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, of insubordination and of utterances contemptuous of the United States War and Navy Departments.—*Reuter*.

FOUND GUILTY.

Washington, later. Colonel Mitchell has been found guilty and sentenced by court martial to be suspended from the service for five years.—*Reuter's American Service*.

GERMAN POLITICS.

PROBLEM OF CABINET FORMING.

Berlin, Dec. 17. Herr Koch, the Democratic leader, has informed President Hindenburg that he is unable to form a Cabinet on the big coalition basis as was suggested.—*Reuter*. A "C" class buoy, No. 33, was adrift in the harbour this morning, her bridle chain being broken, it is believed, by the s.s. Pakhol, which was steaming under ballast to the adjoining buoy. A diver is to go down to-day to ascertain the extent of the damage. The barnacles on one side of the buoy have been scraped off and it is therefore thought that the

WUCHOW LIGHTS.

ELECTRIC WORKS MAY STOP.

OIL SHORTAGE.

News reaches us from Wuchow that the Electric Light Works are threatened with a stoppage, owing to the shortage of crude petroleum. Fortunately the authorities have transferred a quantity to the Company, which, it is said, will last for a week, and, in the meantime, the Company has sent men to Canton to secure the necessary supply. If this step proves unsuccessful, it is reported that the Government will take over the electric lighting and water works.

It is stated that the Kwangsi Government intends to farm out the monopoly of lekin to a syndicate. The merchants, on hearing of this, have strongly protested against this step and are combining to resist it to the utmost, on the ground that when once in the hands of a commercial concern they will be heavily mulcted and become victims of the monopolists.

Wuchow is at present quiet and trade is, quite normal. Goods usually destined for Hongkong are accumulating and the prices have gone down considerably, but the prices of all imported goods are rising.

At this season of the year, there is always the fear of big fires occurring, but so far one small fire in a matchbox has been reported.

Owing to the shortage of petroleum, many motor launches have stopped running.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

A report from Nanning states that Ming Yan-che, a general of Fan Shek-sang, who was recently defeated by Tang Chi-yao and his forces so scattered that most of them became roving bandits, has with his forces attacked and captured Na Ma Ling hills and is advancing on Sze Yan city. It is said that Mong Yan-che has recently been working in conjunction with Sum Hung-yin, who, in the course of his wanderings, after having been driven out of Kwangtung by Yeung Hsi-man, seized the city of Hing Yuen in Kwangsi, and has occupied it as his headquarters ever since. Consequently, Li Chung-yan ordered Wong Shu-hung to advance from Wu Meng and attack Mong Yan-che before the forces of Sum Hung-yin could effect a junction with those of Mong Yan-che. A battle has now taken place at some point near Wu Sze boundary line, with the result, it is stated, that the latter forces were defeated with heavy losses and many prisoners of the forces retreated in great disorder in the direction of the Na Ma Lung hills.

The report further states that owing to most of their trustful troops having been despatched on active service in the south sector in Kwangtung, both Li Chung-yan and Wong Shu-hung now realise that their own positions are being threatened by the military combination of those units who were formerly adherents of Sum Hing-yin, Luk Wing-lung and others.

Kwangai province is very mountainous and communications are most difficult, owing to the absence of good roads. The province is infested with bandits, some of whose dens are veritable strongholds. Discord and dissatisfaction exist amongst nearly all the military units who create much disorder, and it will be a hard task for Generals Li Chung-yan and Wong Shu-hung to bring

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THE LATE SERGEANT
BLACKMAN.Verdict of Suicide While of
Unsound Mind.The inquiry into the death of
Sergeant A. H. Blackman, who,
until his death, was in charge of
Sai Kung Police Station, was
concluded by Mr. R. E. Lindall
at the Central Magistracy yester-
day afternoon.The jury returned a verdict of
suicide while of unsound mind.
They added a recommendation that
when officers were posted to
lonely stations they should pass
some sort of medical examination
to determine their standard of
physical fitness.The only witness called yester-
day was Mr. W. G. Gerrard,
Assistant Superintendent of
Police, North, who said Sergeant
Blackman joined the Hongkong
Police Force about eight years
ago. Before going to Sai Kung he
spent practically all his time in
the Water Police. He was an
ex-Marine.In 1924 he went on leave for
ten months, and he was sent to
take charge of Sai Kung on
November 8, this year. He
applied to be placed in charge
of a station in the New Territories
two months before his appoint-
ment to Sai Kung. Witness
received his application, and he
agreed, but asked for the transfer
to be postponed until the collec-
tion of Crown rent was finished
at the end of October.

A Reliable Officer.

The sergeant at Sai Kung was
due for transfer, and witness
suggested that Sergeant Black-
man should go to that station in
his place. Witness saw Blackman
several times during November
and he appeared to be in reason-
ably good health and made no
complaints. Witness also spoke
to him many times on the tele-
phone, and the Sergeant never
mentioned that he was ill."He was a steady going man
and I looked upon him as being
very reliable and trustworthy. I
had every confidence in him,"
added Mr. Gerrard.Continuing, he said Blackman
was a little nervous at taking
charge for the first time, but that
was not unusual in the case of a
young officer. The Sergeant was
thirty years of age. It was a
usual thing for a man to be a little
nervous when he first had charge
of a station.The Sergeant telephoned to him
at 8 o'clock on the night of Decem-
ber 1. He said he was feeling
very ill. When asked if he had
fever he said he had. Witness
advised him to go into hospital as
quickly as possible and said it
was unwise for him to remain at
the station alone.Dealing With Revenue Money.
The Sergeant said he had over
\$400 Revenue money at the
station and he asked if he was to
remain at the station until some-
one went there to relieve him.
Witness told him not to wait for
anyone, advising him to take the
money on his way to hospital and
if he felt well enough to pay it
into the Superintendent of Im-
ports and Exports.If the Sergeant did not feel well
enough, witness suggested that
one of the European officers in
the police launch could pay the
money in. Witness then had to
deal with the border shooting
incident, and he arranged with
the Water Police to have a launch
at Sai Kung early the following
morning. He also informed
Sergeant Blackman that the
launch would be there to take him
away.A message was received from
the officer at Tai Po station to say
that Sergeant Blackman had
telephoned there reporting that he
felt much better and would not
go to hospital. Witness heard
nothing further until about 7.15
a.m. on December 3, when the
Cantonese interpreter at Sai Kung
telephoned to him and made a
report.

Half Burned Cigarette.

In consequence of that report,
witness went as quickly as pos-
sible to Sai Kung station, arriving
there about 10.45. The European
quarters were on the first floor
of the station building, and con-
sisted of three rooms. The
Sergeant's bedroom was the end
room at the East end of the
station."When I entered I saw Sergeant
Blackman's body lying on the only
bed in the room. He lay on his
back, and the head was raised
slightly higher than is usual,
owing to the fact that he had two
rather high pillows. He had a
revolver in his right hand, both
hands being crossed in front of
his body. I was able to take the
revolver from his hand without
difficulty."It was a police revolver of the
Colt type, such as is issued to
every European officer as part of
his kit. In the left hand there
was a half burnt cigarette, held
between the two first fingers, and
I also found an unlighted matchin the palm of his hand," said Mr.
Gerrard.He also described the condi-
tion of the body and the nature of
the bullet wounds in the head.
He searched for the bullet, and
it took some time to locate. It
was found at the further end of
the room, apparently having hit
the door and bounced off again.

Station Affairs In Order.

Witness looked round to see if
he could find anything to explain
the Sergeant's action as he
thought it appeared to be a case
of suicide. He read some of the
Sergeant's recent correspondence
from his mother, sister and friend,
but there was nothing in the let-
ters to cause him any worry or
mental trouble.He had the body removed from
the bed and under the pillow he
found the station keys. He would
expect a careful officer to keep
the keys there during the night.Witness and another officer
checked the revenue money,
amounting to something like \$500,
and also all the books and records.
Everything was perfectly correct,
and everything was arranged very
methodically. The body was then
removed from the station in a
motor launch to the mortuary.Mr. Gerrard mentioned that he
had made careful inquiries in
every possible direction and he
could find nothing to show that
the Sergeant had been in hospital,
and there was no evidence toshow he had been treated
privately by a medical adviser
since he returned from Home
leave.

Fits of Depression.

"It is said by his comrades
who knew him better than I did,
that he had changed in his dis-
position lately and had become
moody and suffered from fits of
depression. At other times he
was exceptionally bright. Most
of his friends remarked about
this change which took place dur-
ing the last six months," added
Mr. Gerrard.This concluded the evidence,
and the foreman of the jury, Mr.
E. G. M. Grimble asked if a
European officer was required
undergo any medical examination
when he was transferred to a
station in the New Territories.
Witness added that they did not
undergo such an examination."As a matter of fact, as my
experience goes, I never knew a
case of an officer going out there
if he did not feel fit enough. It
is not suitable for every type of
man. Some object to being sent
there and some ask to be sent. If
the Sergeant did not feel up to it
he should not have gone," explain-
ed witness.In reply to a question by the
Coroner, witness said that in his
district now there was no station
which had only one European
stationed there. There waseither a married man or two
single officers.

Possible Fit of Delirium.

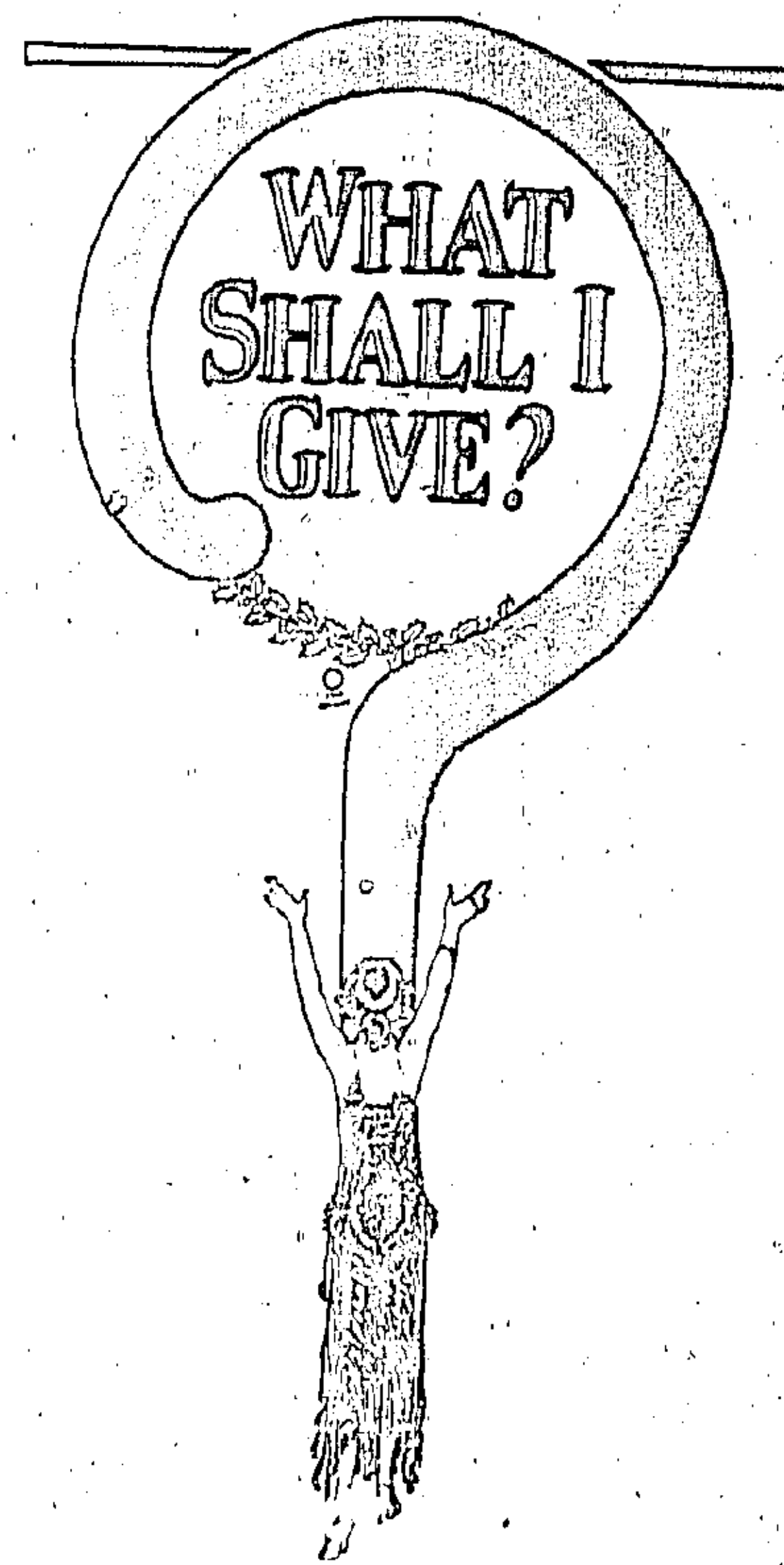
Addressing the jury, Mr. Lind-
sell said he thought there could
be no possible doubt that it was
a case of suicide. It only remain-
ed for the jury to decide whether
it was a case of a man deliberately
taking his own life, or whether it
was suicide while he was of un-
sound mind.Regarding the latter alternative,
Sergeant Blackman was riddled
with disease, and on that partic-
ular night he was in a very bad
way with a high fever. It seem-
ed more likely that in a fit of
delirium he took his own life. If
the jury found there was any
such delirium they would natu-
rally bring in a verdict of suicide
while of unsound mind.If on the other hand they
thought he intended to shoot
himself in cold blood, they would
bring in a verdict accordingly.
If the jury wished to add any
rider, either regarding the number
of Europeans at the stations, or
concerning a medical examination
for officers taking up positions at
stations in the New Territories,
they were quite at liberty to do
so.After a short consultation the
jury returned the verdict and
recommendation given above, and
the Coroner intimated that their
recommendation would be for-
warded to the proper quarter.WHY NOT
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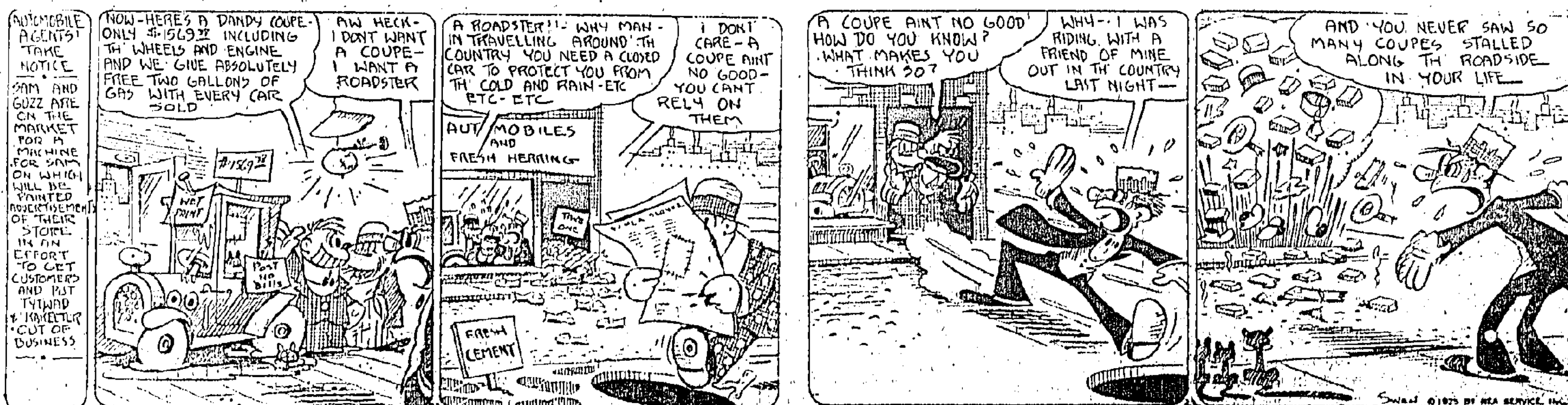
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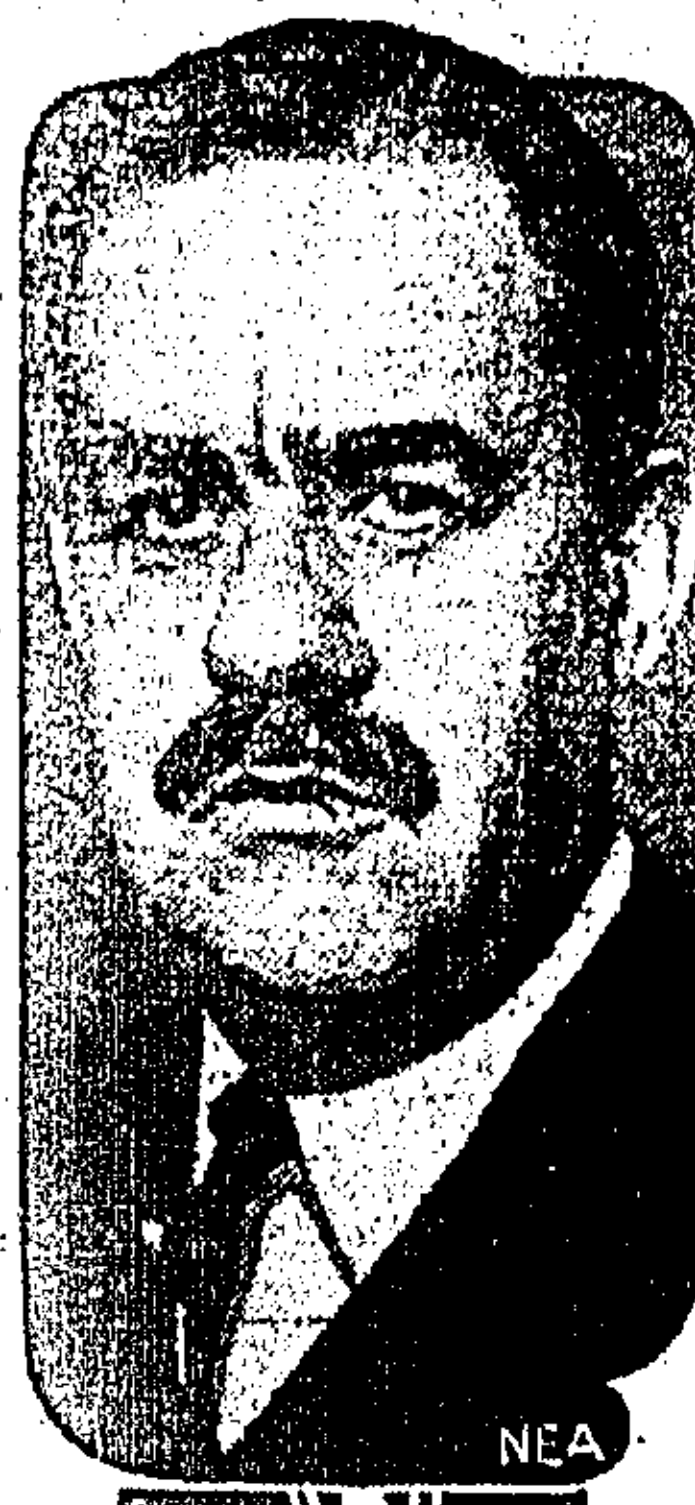
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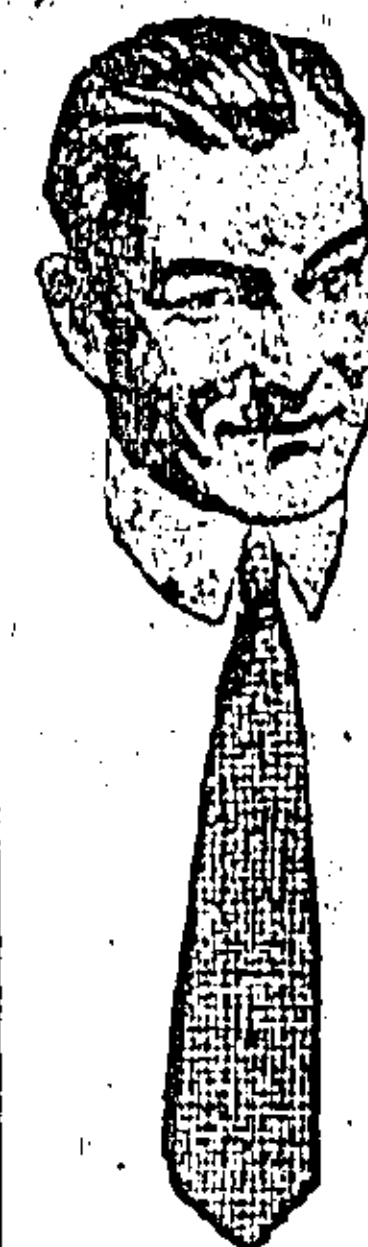
The members of the Italian debt commission who went to Washington, when they negotiated for a settlement of the Italian debt to the United States. Left to right they are: Dino Grandi, Under Secretary of State to Mussolini; Alberto Pirelli; Count Volpi de Misurata, head of the commission; Count Lelio Bonin Longave, former Italian Ambassador to France, and Mario Alberti.

Investigator.



Mr. A. M. Fisher is the chief investigator of the special Congressional air service investigation committee in the United States.

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Countess Salm von Hoogs-trachten, formerly Millicent Rogers, shown leaving Brooklyn Supreme Court after appearing in a suit brought against her for services rendered in obtaining permission from the Austrian Government for the use of her title.

Fresh Beef to Deaden Sound.



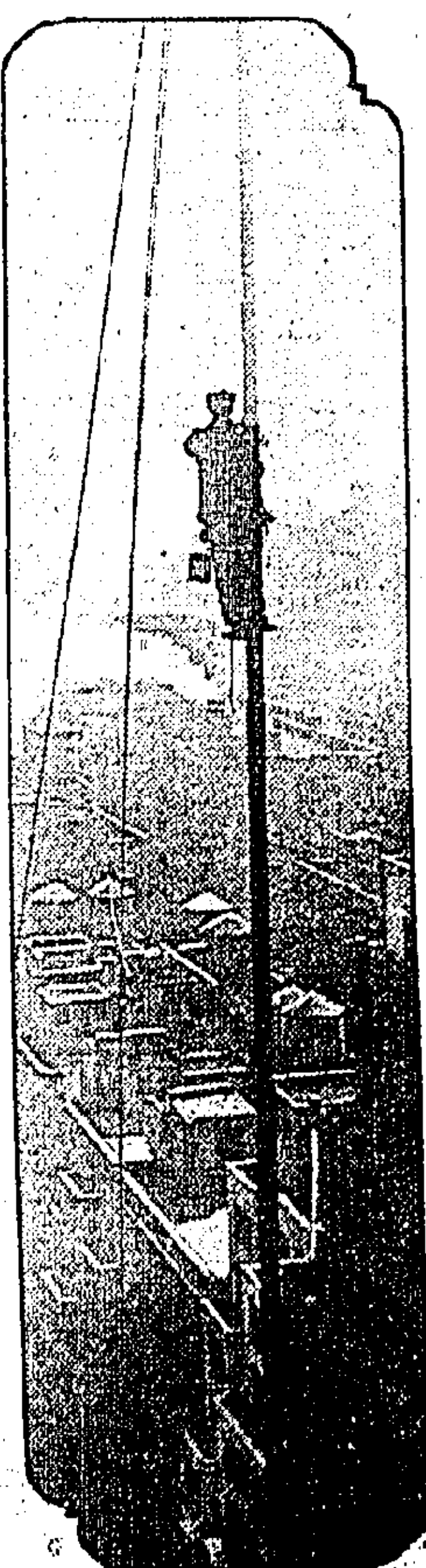
Burglars who blew in the safe of the People's Packing Co. in Cincinnati showed their ingenuity when they took several hundred pounds of dressed beef from the store rooms and hung it in front of the safe to deaden the noise of the explosion.

Up in the Air but Sitting Tight.



This cowboy got a chance to show some first-class horsemanship at a monster rodeo in Los Angeles. A high-speed camera snapped him and his broncho in the middle of a wild "buck," when all four of the horse's feet were off the ground.

Sky High.



A lofty outlook on the world has Jim Doyle, veteran steeplejack, as he points a flagpole atop a 13-storey building in New York.

Picturesque Pacific Isle.



A view from the beach at Tahiti, in the Society Islands, where men can escape the turmoil of the outer world.

Noted Society People Wed.



Miss Mabel Garry and Mr. Francis Saxham Elwes Drury, of England, were married in society's most notable wedding of the year at Trinity Chapel, New York City. Miss Garry is the daughter of Commodore Garry, and made her debut in New York some years ago.

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Third Tournament of the Season.

MAIN EVENT.

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Fifteen 2 minute rounds Catchweight Contest, and about five other contests.

BOOKING at Moutrie's for Members only on the 19th and 21st December. General Public on the 22nd and 23rd December. Prices \$7.00, \$5.00 and \$1.00.
NOTE.—Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association are entitled to one Ringside seat each for \$5.00 on production of their Membership cards. Members are requested to sign their names when taking tickets at the reduced rate.
Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925**, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 28th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1925.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th December, 1925, at 10.30 a.m., at Godown No. 18, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon,

(for account of the concerned),
52 Bales Hessian Cloth more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Yuen Mow Hong to sell by Public Auction,

on **SATURDAY,**

the 19th December, 1925, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street (for account of the concerned)

1800 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—July Shipment from Java.

850 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—August Shipment from Java.

1450 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—September Shipment from Java.

3600 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—October Shipment from Java.

(The Above Goods are now stored in Godowns Nos. 14 and 15, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kennedy Town.)

(Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the Sale.)

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 14, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **MONDAY,**

the 21st December, 1925, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong,

A Large Quantity of Old Cordage, Fire Wood and Old Packing Cases etc., etc.

Particulars and Terms of Sale as per Catalogue.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **MONDAY,**

the 21st December, 1925, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars as per Catalogue.)
On view from Saturday, the 19th December, 1925.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 14, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 23rd December, 1925, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

A Fine Assortment of Valuable and Suitable Articles for Xmas Presents, comprising:

Fine Belgian Cut Glass, Marble Statues, Silver Ware, E. P. Ware and Fancy Goods, etc., etc.

On view from Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1925.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1925.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, for account of the concerned, on

Saturday, the 19th Dec., 1925

at 12 o'clock Noon, at the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, 4, Duddell Street,

10 Cases "Golden Guinea" Champagne (quarts)

33 Cases "Golden Guinea" Champagne (pines)

Special Quality. Extra Reserve.

As Supplied to the House of Lords.

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E. V. M. R. de SOUSA,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by public Auction

on **MONDAY,**

December 21, 1925, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the China Auction Rooms, 4 Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and being The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1556 and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1557

In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages shops or dwelling houses known as Nos. 244 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central and contains an area of 1582 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of Messrs. DEACONS.

1 Des Voeux Road Central Vendor's Solicitors, or Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on **TUESDAY,**

December 22, 1925, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the China Auction Rooms, No. 4 Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and being The Remaining Portion of Section E of Inland Lot No. 1278, Section D of Inland Lot No. 1273, Section B of Inland Lot No. 1273, Section C of Inland Lot No. 1273 and Section F of Inland Lot No. 1278.

In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses thereon known as Nos. 5, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17, Central Street, each of which covers an area of 845 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of Messrs. DEACONS.

1 Des Voeux Road Central, Vendor's Solicitors, or Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on **WEDNESDAY,**

December 23, 1925, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and being Section A and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 137 and Section A, Section B and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1303

In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses thereon known as Nos. 20 and 22 D'Aguiar Street and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Yan Shau Lane and contain a total area of 3716 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of Messrs. DEACONS.

1 Des Voeux Road Central Vendor's Solicitors, or Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918) LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 21st December, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 10th December, 1925, until Monday, the 21st December, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1925.

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Goods not cleared by the 24th Dec., 1925 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd Dec., 1925 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Godard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.
General Agents.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **TUESDAY,**

the 22nd December, 1925, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large and Fine Assortment of Xmas Toys.

Comprising:—
Dressed Dolls, Tea Sets, Furniture Sets, Sico Dolls, Toy Guns, Footballs, Rocking Horse, Men-of-War, Crackers, Matches, Sparklers, Fireworks, Mechanical Toys, Xmas Trees, Blue Lights, Cooing Sets, Santa Claus Stockings, etc., etc.,

On view from Monday, the 21st December, 1925.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1925.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY, THERAPION NO. 1 THERAPION NO. 2 THERAPION NO. 3

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During the week end of November 2nd, the largest shipment of Canadian store cattle, numbering 1,093, disembarked at Glasgow, bringing the total imports of that port to approximately 80,000 for the ten months of the year, an increase of more than 15,000 on the corresponding period of last year and 31,000 on the similar period of 1923. The total exports this year will, it is expected, be more than 100,000, the largest number to cross the Atlantic since 1911.

MITCHELL TRIAL.



Col. William Mitchell, American army "hell cat" who has been suspended from the service for five years as the result of court-martial proceedings.



Maj. Gen. C. P. Summerall, President of the Court which tried Col. Mitchell.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

THIS EVENING'S MATCH.

The Club "A" team against the University "A" at University Ground this evening at 5 o'clock is as follows:—Rev. T. B. Powell, L. H. Kearne, (Capt.), H. C. Macnamara, G. Rankine, W. H. Lock, S. R. Vallack, W. R. Andrews, S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon, T. A. Saunders, and D. Fitzgerald.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI against the "C" Coy., East Surrey Regiment at Sookunpoo on Tuesday at 5 p.m.:—A. J. Frank, C. L. R. Becher, J. Wedlake (Capt.), E. F. Stewart, W. H. Locke, J. E. Noronha, A. S. Exell, A. Dyer-Ball, D. Lyon, S. H. Garrod and T. J. Price.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 9th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Agents.

Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1925.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

CANTONS HOPES FOR EARLY SOLUTION.

With regard to preparations for negotiating with the Hongkong representatives re the strike settlement terms, the Canton Gazette says the workers have elected nine plenipotentiaries, namely: So Siu-ching, Tsang Chi-yam, Leong Chi-kong, Cheong Hing-wong, Lee Fo-sang, etc. It has been reported recently that the authorities perceived that it would be more effective to have a smaller number of representatives for negotiation. Consequently, after procuring the approval of the strikers, the authorities decided to select only three from the nine elected plenipotentiaries to negotiate a settlement with the Hongkong representatives. Again, it is reported that the various strike organisations are taking great precautions in selecting the three plenipotentiaries because their mission is a very responsible one. The Gazette adds: "Recently the news in regard to the resumption of communications between Hongkong and Canton, as well as the settlement of the strike, is highly promising. As previously announced, the Hongkong Government has already selected representatives for negotiating the terms set forth by the Strike Committee."

"Consequently during these days, representatives have been continuously travelling between Hongkong and Canton for this express purpose. The two parties are likely to come into closer terms with each other day by day, and the settlement of the strike does not now seem far off."

BRAVE POLICE.

A CANTON MONUMENT.

In recent years the policemen of the various police stations in Canton have shown their fighting spirit by their courage in putting down brigands and many have died while in the performance of their duties. For the sake of honouring them for their virtue and merit, Gen. Wu Te-chen, Commissioner of Public Safety planned the erection of a monument to commemorate their courage and devotion to duty, says the Canton Gazette. The monument will be erected in front of the entrance to the First Public Park. A match has been built on that location for the stonemasons engaged to work on the monument. It is now several months since the work began, but the monument being very large its construction requires some time for completion. It is hoped the work will be finished before the end of the year.

The monument is square in shape with a large-sized base and a top of smaller size, and is similar to a tower. Its front face bears the following inscriptions in seal characters: "Monument for Canton Police Martyrs," while on its reverse, the names of the police are inscribed. With the erection of this monument, not only will it serve as a reminder to the public of the merits of the courageous police but will also arouse the ordinary citizen to emulate and assist the police in times of danger.

YARN MARKET.

BUSINESS STILL DULL.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kowall's yarn report states:—Since our last remarks were issued, our market has undergone no change for the better. With the exception of a slight enquiry for two or three well known chops, any general demand seems to be non-existent. Deliveries also have been very poor, resulting in some contracts becoming considerably overdue.

Bombay advices have been received of the re-opening of the mills, also that the Excise Duty has been removed; quotations there are lower all round.

Total sales, 2,000 bales; unsold stock, 3,400 bales, bargains in Chinese bands, 4,300 bales.

Shanghai.—Owing to the political disturbances in the North, prices have declined and the market remains quiet.

Japanese Yarn.—There has been a heavy decline of about \$3.00 per bale. At the close market is again steady owing to low prices lower.

Raw Cotton.—No stock. Quotations:—Bengal, \$50 to \$55.

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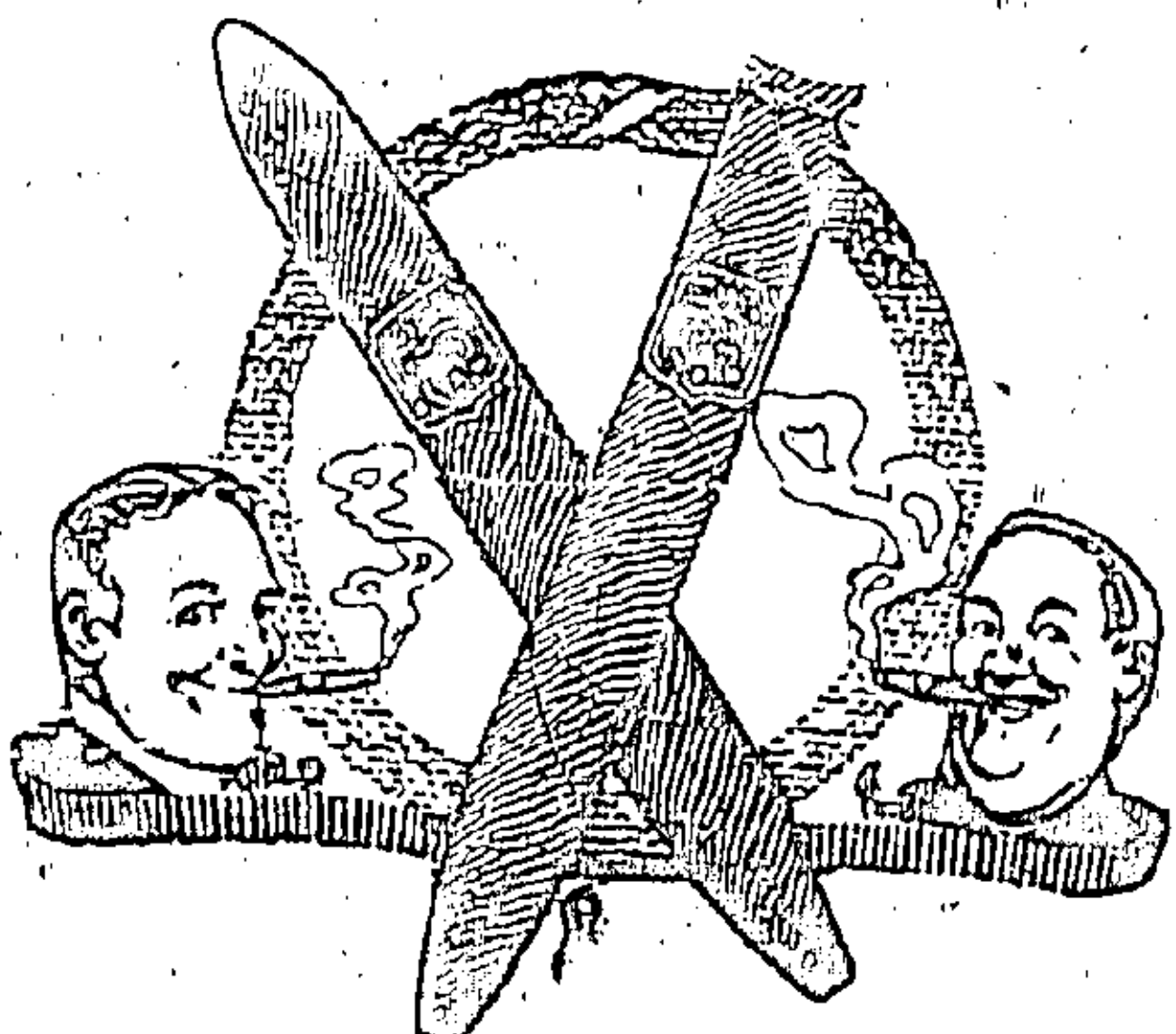
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CRICKET.

KOWLOON C. C. v. H. M. S.
HAWKINS.

A very close finish was witnessed in the match between the Kowloon C. C. and H. M. S. Hawkins yesterday afternoon, the home team winning by the narrow margin of eight runs.

Batting first, Kowloon made a disastrous start, Cantrell with a strong wind blowing across the ground being almost unplayable. Lyal was caught off the second ball and Smith was bowled with the next ball. In the next over Hall was caught behind the wicket, three being down for five runs. Colonel Matthews and Petheram stopped the rot and put on 81 before the former was caught at cover point for an attractive 45. Petheram was undefeated at the close with 45, whilst Capt. Morris and A. R. F. Raven also reached double figures.

The Hawkins started off none too well, losing seven wickets for 58 runs. Pay-Lieut. Nave, Mid. Simms and Lt. Comdr. Bower put a different complexion on the game, and a very exciting finish saw the K. C. C. win by the narrow margin of eight runs. Scores:

Kowloon C. C.

J. C. Lyal, c. Hussey, b. Cantrell	0
Lieut. Hall, c. Hussey, b. Cantrell	5
Lieut. Smith, b. Cantrell	0
B. Petheram, not out	45
Lt.-Col. Matthews, c. Stephenson, b. Nicholson	45
Capt. Morris, c. Nicholson, b. May	17
A. R. F. Raven, c. Bennett, b. Lake	11
S. B. Spillett, c. Bennett, b. May	3
Morton, b. May	4
Extras	15

Total 149

C. Jones did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Cantrell	9	2	31	3
P. O. May	9	—	30	3
Eng. Lt. Bennett	4	—	20	—
Lieut. Nicholson	5	—	17	1
Capt. Lake	8	—	32	1

H. M. S. Hawkins.

Lieut. Nicholson, b. Jones	12
Capt. Lake, c. and b. Jones	4
Pay-Lieut. Hussey, c. Morton, b. Jones	8
Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, c. Petheram, b. Lyal	10
Mid. Stephenson, b. Lyal	14
Eng. Lieut. Bennett, run out	4
Lieut. Wauchope, b. Jones	1
Pay-Lieut. Nave, c. Raven, b. Jones	34
Mid. Simms, b. Smith	25
Lt. Comdr. Bower, b. Lyal	21
P. O. May, not out	0
Extras	5

Total 141

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. C. Lyal	12.4	3	47	2
C. Jones	13	—	53	4
Capt. Morris	5	—	18	—
Lieut. Smith	4	—	18	1

BEWARE FORGERIES.

COUNTERFEIT NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

The police have received information that there are a number of spurious \$10 notes in circulation in Hongkong. These are notes purporting to be on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and present reports show that the forgeries are confined to notes of ten dollars.

They can be detected by a close examination of the printing, as several flaws become apparent if a careful inspection is made. The majority of notes have been passed at night time, thus making detection more difficult.

PEER REPROVED BY JUDGE.

"STAND RESPECTFULLY" ORDER IN CO'

When Lord C. was giving evidence in the Bench Division the other day, was leaning over the front of the witness-box, Mr. Justice Horridge said, "Do you mind standing up—standing respectfully."

The earl is a member of the theatrical profession, and married in 1914, in New York, Miss May Pickard, an American actress, with whom he was then appearing in "The Girl on the Film." He was giving evidence in an action by Mr. Percy Cory, an actor interested in motor racing, against Mr. Lester Gordon H. Cantle, of Woodbury Cottage, Woodlands Grove, Weybridge, to recover £360, the agreed price of a motor-car.

The defence was that at the time the agreement for the purchase of the car was made Mr. Cantle was so drunk, as Mr. Cory well knew, that he was unable to comprehend the meaning or effect of the agreement. Mr. Cantle counter-claimed for rescission of the agreement.

HOT BY SICK WIFE.

INVALID TURNS WEAPON UPON HERSELF.

An invalid wife sitting up in bed with a smoking revolver in her hand and her husband lying on the floor with a bullet wound in his head was the scene that confronted a housekeeper employed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roy, at Strabane, Co. Tyrone.

Mr. Roy, a special constable, had gone upstairs to see his wife when he returned from work.

A moment later a shot was heard, and it was then that the housekeeper—Miss Rebecca Kelly—ran upstairs.

Seeing Mrs. Roy with the weapon still in her hand, Miss Kelly ran for help.

She returned to find the woman dead from a bullet wound in the head. The husband died on the way to hospital.

Miss Kelly had been nursing Mrs. Roy since last year, and when Mr. Roy was out, she saw the woman go to her husband's room and return with his revolver.

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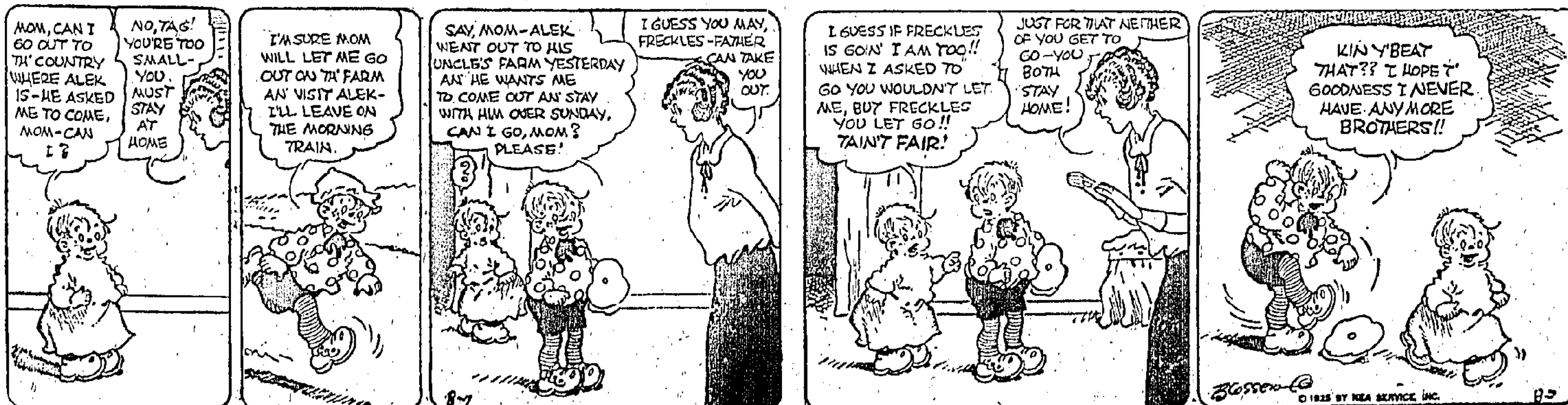
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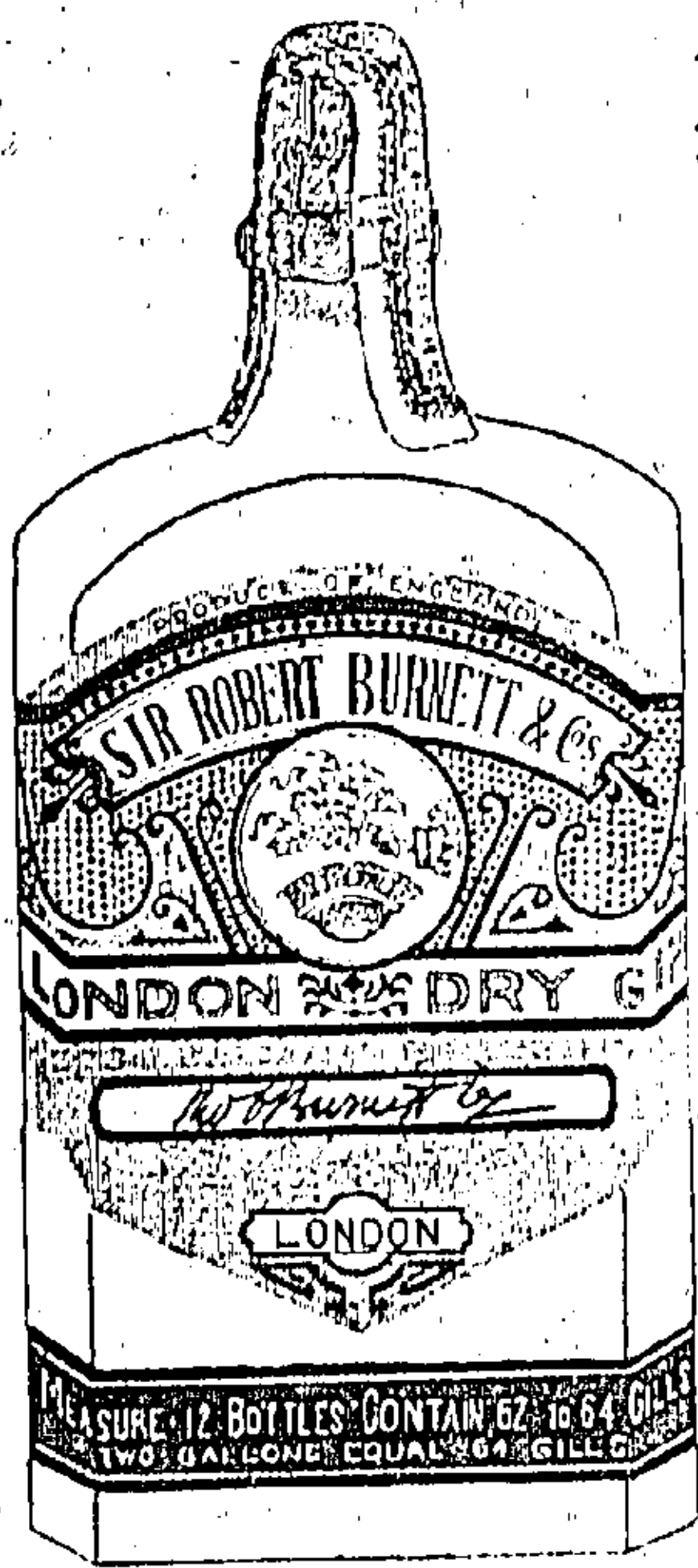
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and Mrs. Maurice Cario, a
son.

The Telegraph

FRIDAY, DEC. 18, 1925.

THE MOSUL PROBLEM.

Provided that Turkey decides
to abide by the decision of the
Council of the League of Nations
and provided that the Government
of Great Britain is prepared to
continue the exercise of its man-
date for a further period of 25
years, the vexed question of the
future of Iraq and the settlement
of its boundaries has at long last
been solved. Negotiations have
been so protracted and so confused
that the ordinary man in the
street can be readily forgiven for
not having followed them, and as
there are doubtless a great many
persons who know but little about
the Mosul dispute we shall, at
first, attempt a brief outline of it.

By the series of wars beginning
with the Turco-Italian war of
1911 and ending with the Great
War in 1918, there was brought
about the break up of the old
Ottoman Empire and the creation
of several new States. One of
these new States is Iraq, known
to Europe formerly as Mesopotamia,
and it is one of the mandated
territories to Great Britain. The
new Turkish frontiers were
settled by the Lausanne Treaty
of July, 1923, with the exception
of the Taurus-Iraq frontier, which
was left over to be made the
subject of special negotiations be-
tween Turkey and Great Britain.
But these negotiations never
came to fruition, and, after the
historic meeting in Brussels be-
tween representatives of Britain
and Turkey, the matter of fixing
the frontier was referred to the
League of Nations. The Brussels
conference, however, did fix a
provisional boundary (later
generally referred to as the
Brussels Line) and this gave to
Iraq the important towns and dis-
trict of Mosul, which the Turks
have always claimed should re-
main under their control. Rann-
ing parallel with this question of
Iraq's boundary has been that of
her future protection and ad-
ministration. Originally Britain
undertook a mandate for 20
years, but a new arrangement
was made in April, 1923, by

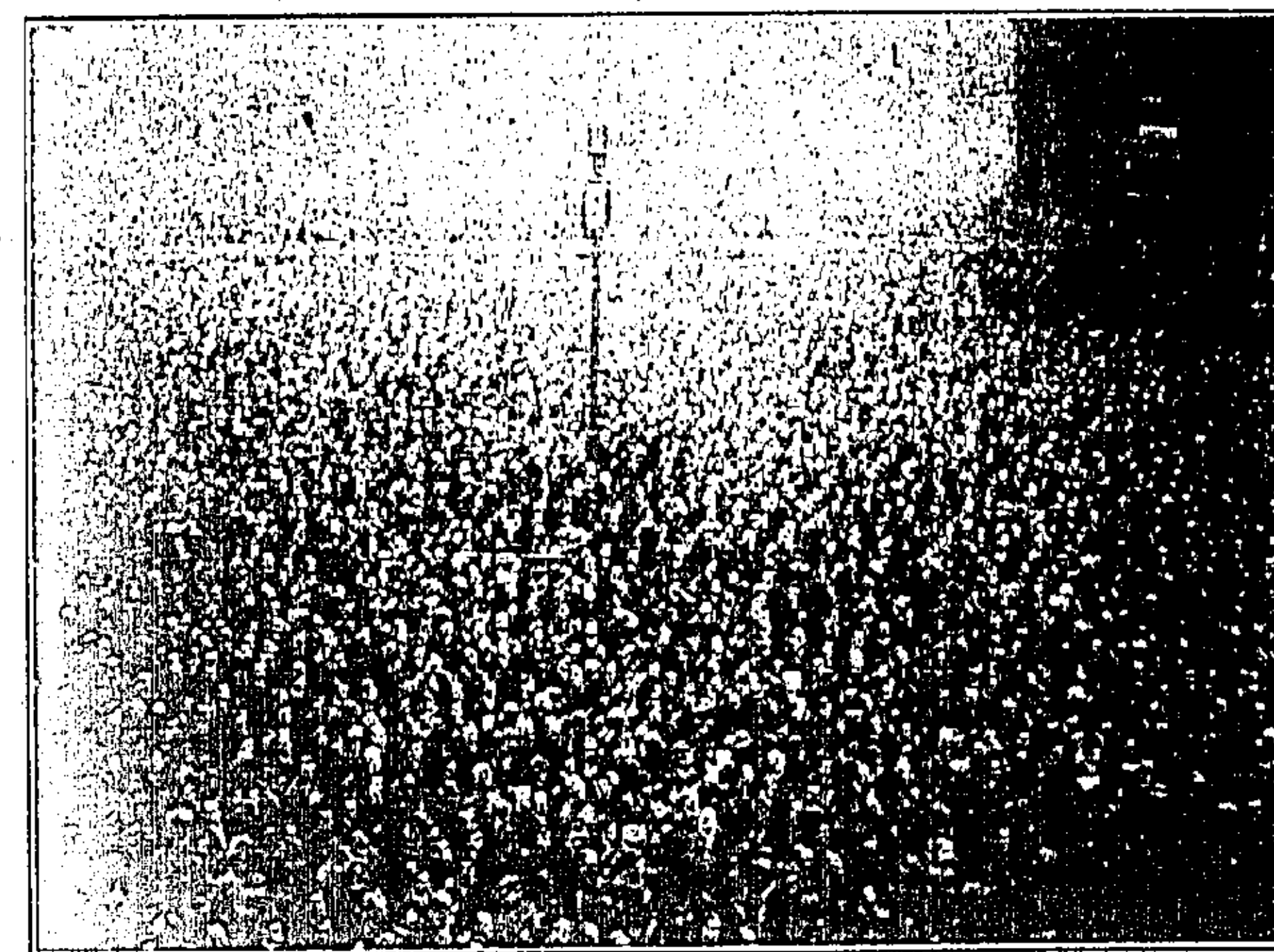
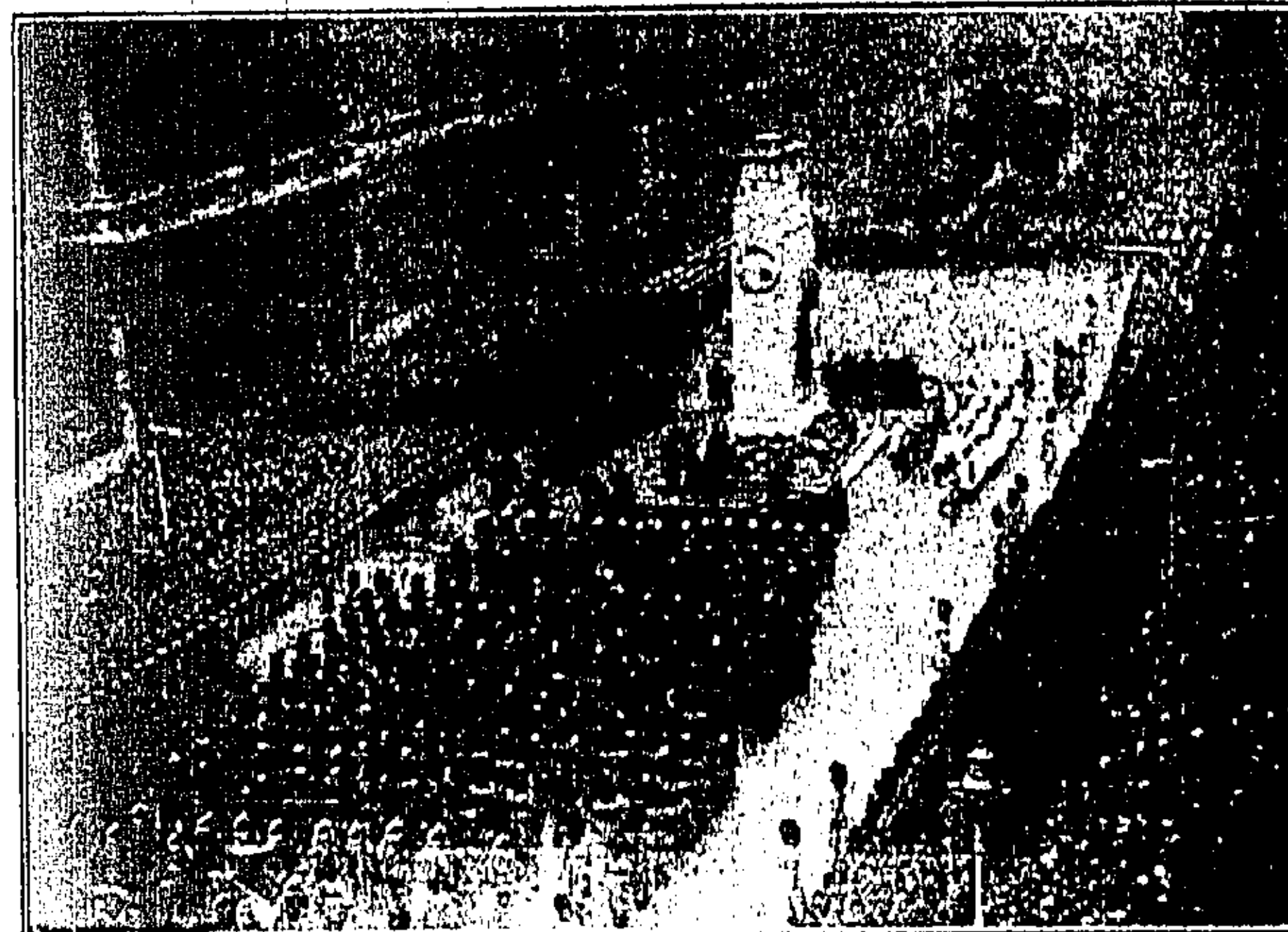
which it was agreed that Britain's
treaty with Iraq should
terminate upon Iraq becoming a
member of the League of
Nations. Once Iraq's boundaries
were settled, she was to apply
for admission to the League.
Britain's mandate in Iraq has,
hitherto, been a costly matter,
and there is not a small section
of the British public which is in
favour of leaving Iraq to manage
per own affairs once the boundary
dispute with Turkey has been
disposed of.

Now comes the League of
Nations' decision, which is that
the boundary provisionally fixed
at Brussels shall be maintained,
but that there will be provision
for free economic intercourse be-
tween Mosul and Turkish Kurdis-
tan and the unrestricted use of
the Kurdish language. This award
is made provisional upon the sub-
mission by the British Govern-
ment of a new Anglo-Iraq treaty,
providing for the continuation of
Britain's mandate for a further
period of twenty-five years. Thus
the Council of the League seeks
to settle, at one sweep, the vexed
question of the boundary and the
equally vexed question of Iraq's
protection and proper administra-
tion. It now remains to be seen
whether Turkey will acquiesce in
this award or whether she will
dispute it by force of arms. Be-
fore the League's decision was
known Great Britain had duti-
fully pledged her acceptance of
the award no matter what it was,
but surely the British House of
Commons is going to have some-
thing to say about the commit-
ment of Britain to further ex-
pense for a further 25 years? Yet
the House of Commons vote is,
in view of the composition of the
House, sure to be favourable, and
it is only Turkey's attitude that
is the unstable factor. It is said
that the decision will come as a
rude shock to Constantinople, but
it is to be hoped that there will
be very careful reflection and no
precipitate action.

Fire Dangers.

One of the greatest problems
which faces our fire-lighting ser-
vices when dealing with outbreaks
in the purely Chinese districts is
caused by the type of tenement
building, which in all too many
cases is such as greatly to
obstruct and minimise the efforts
of the Brigade. Apart from the
flimsy character of many of the
structures, and the splitting up of
the buildings into wooden cubicles,
the majority of these places have
narrow wooden staircases which
are not only of a most inflammable
material, but which, by reason
of their narrowness, act as funes
when there is anything like a
strong wind blowing, thus mate-
rially helping in the spread of the
flames; besides which, whole
floors are often cut off and the
escape of occupants made extre-
mely difficult. Happily, concrete
structures are now coming more
into favour, and their advantages
over the old type of building were
clearly demonstrated a few days
ago when an outbreak occurred in
First Street. This building, being of
the new type, was so structurally
designed as to render relatively
easy the work of the firemen. No
difficulty was experienced in run-
ning a hose up the stairs, with
the result that the firemen were
able to fight the blaze at close
quarters and to confine it to the
floor where the outbreak
originated. Thus, within twenty
minutes of the appearance of the
fire, the spot, the fire was
under complete control, whilst
only one floor suffered damage.
Had this been a building of the
old type, we may be sure that
a far bigger disaster would
have had to be recorded.
The lessons from this particular
fire are obvious—namely, that the
greatest possible regard should
be paid to the making of plans for
new buildings to see that every
precaution is made to render
them as far fire-proof as is pos-
sible. If that policy had been
strictly followed in the past, fire
risks would not have been nearly
so great as they have been. But it
is something to realise that there
is to-day a greater measure of at-
tention paid to these matters
than was ever the case before.

ARMISTICE DAY IN LONDON.



Pictures show Armistice Day scenes in London. Top photograph depicts
the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall; whilst below is seen part of the
immense gathering of city workers outside the Royal Exchange, bareheaded
during the two-minute silence.

DAY BY DAY.

WITHOUT FAITH A MAN CAN DO
NOTHING; BUT FAITH CAN STIFLE
ALL SCIENCE.—*Amiel.*

The opening rate of the dollar
on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

A cyclone or typhoon is reported
N.W. of the Pelew Islands, in-
clining northward.

Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw
& Co. will remain open to-morrow
afternoon (Saturday) for the con-
venience of Christmas shoppers.

Mr. P. A. Cox, Assistant
Oriental Manager of the Canadian
Pacific Steamships, Ltd., stationed
at Shanghai, is in Hongkong on a
short visit.

Mr. G. E. Costello, agent of the
Canadian Pacific Steamships,
Ltd., at Yokohama, came down on
the Empress of Canada, on a visit
to Hongkong, accompanied by
Mrs. Costello.

Among the passengers who re-
turned to the Colony yesterday by
the Empress of Canada were Mr.
J. Finlay Miller, Mr. J. McHut-
cheon, Mr. A. C. Dome, Mr. A. S.
Gubbay and Mr. F. Ellis.

It is reported that subsequent
upon the dismissal of the assis-
tant civil engineer of the Canton
section of the Canton-Kowloon
Railway, which the employees
demanded from the manager of
the Railway, the strike has been
called off.

A quarrel which took place
yesterday in a marriage boat in
the harbour between the master
and his four sons is supposed to
have led to the former's sudden
immersion in the water. Being
eventually rescued by the police,
he blamed his four sons for the
bruise on his body. The sons,
as a result of this accusation,
have been detained by the police.

The following appointments
have been made by the Admiralty
to H. M. S. Yarmouth and H. M.
S. Calliope for troop duties,
and to ships on the China station:
—Capt. E. W. Isaacson to Yar-
mouth, in command; Capt. M. B.
Birkett to Ajax for Calliope,
December 3, and to Calliope in
command on commissioning, for
voyage out and home; Lieut.
Commander H. J. Anderson-Mor-
head to Yarmouth, November 1,
and to Bluebell on arrival on
December 12, and in command,
undated; Paymaster Commander
H. M. Richardson, O.B.E., to Yar-
mouth,

COOLIE MURDERED.

ROBBERY BELIEVED THE
MOTIVE.

Yesterday morning the body of
a coolie, with his throat cut open,
was found lying in a ditch on the
Shatin side of Beacon Hill.
Death occurred the previous
night, the clothing of the dead
man having been rifled of all
valuables.

The victim of what is now be-
lieved by the police to be a case
of robbery and murder, has been
identified as a coolie working on
the catchwater in the area. Re-
latives, seen by the police yester-
day, disclosed the fact that the de-
ceased had a watch and some
money, probably amounting to
\$10, on him when he was robbed.

The body was yesterday taken
to the Kowloon Mortuary.
The police are making en-
quiries, but no arrests have been
made so far.

U. S. AND PERSIA.

MR. COOLIDGE'S TELEGRAM.

Washington, Dec. 17.
The publication of a telegram
from President Coolidge congrat-
ulating the new Shah is interpreted
as settling the question of the
United States' recognition of the
new regime in Persia, and paving
the way for Mr. Hoffman Philip,
the newly-appointed Minister to
Tehran, to proceed thither from
Paris.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ENGLISH CUP.

TWO MORE RESULTS.

London, Dec. 17.
Re-plays in the English Cup
to-day, resulted as follows:—
Rochdale 1 Chilton 2.
Charlton 1 Rangers 0.
—*Reuter.*

ULSTER POLICE.

ATTACK ON CONSTABULARY
BARRACKS.

London, Dec. 17.
Several Ulster policemen recent-
ly dismissed from the service
have dotted and attacked the con-
stabulary barracks. Several of the
police in the barracks were taken
prisoner.—*Indopacif.*

ROBBERS SCARED.

LEAVE CHICKENS BEHIND.

How a blessing came in alarm-
ing guise to the inmates of No.
32, Western Street, was related
with some amusement in police
circles to-day.

It is stated that when a gang
of armed robbers visited the house
in question, yesterday afternoon,
they took with them two chickens
which were essential adjuncts to
their pose of being poultry deal-
ers. They found only an elder-
ly woman and a servant girl on the
premises, but their scheme
went awry when the woman
screamed for help and they were
forced to leave the floor in a
hurry. In their anxiety to escape,
they paid no heed to the chickens,
which were left behind, as well
as a number of daggers. The
inmates have been allowed to
retain the poultry.

WORLD COURT.

AMERICAN PARTICIPATION
DISCUSSED.

Washington, Dec. 17.
The galleries of the Senate were
crowded at the beginning of con-
sideration of the question of Ameri-
can membership of the world court,
on ratification of the resolution
moved by the Democrat, Mr. Swan-
son, whose action was in the nature
of a novelty, since the original
measure was a Republican one.—
Reuter's American Service.

LISBON CABINET.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER'S TASK.

Lisbon, Dec. 17.
Senhor Antonio Maria Silva, head
of the Democratic Party, has been
officially charged with the task of
forming a new Cabinet.—*Indo-
pacif.*

An altercation between two
dealers and a number of coolies
on one of the wharves at the
Kowloon Godowns yesterday, re-
sulted in a general melee in which
the dealers sustained wounds in
the head. Order was restored by
the police, who arrested one of
the coolies engaged in the fight.
The injured men were taken to
the Kwong Wah Hospital.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

LEAGUE AND CUP FOOTBALL.

By "Wanderer."

It is pleasing to note that the Hongkong Football League has been enterprising enough to rearrange fixtures for to-morrow so as to allow for three First Division matches in addition to the Lai Wah Cup replay between the Chinese and the Navy. The European civilian has it must be admitted, no further interest in the match than the result, and he desires to know the result in order that he might know which team he is expected to defeat in the final.

As far as I can gather the Chinese unsuccessfully applied to the Association for a postponement of the match since it is reported that they have several players on the injured or sick list. Ng Kam-chuen is one who will not be able to play and he was the outstanding player on the field when the teams divided four goals three weeks ago.

Up to the time of writing the team of neither side has come to hand though the Navy will probably be unchanged. Full strength or otherwise, the Chinese can be depended upon to put up a hard fight for the victory. Much will depend upon the effect of the early exchanges, though I rather think the Navy will prove successful.

At Kowloon, the Police will try their mettle against old rivals though if they play no better football than against the Royal Artillery on the same ground on Wednesday, their prospects of holding Kowloon are remote in the extreme. I do not, however, think the Police can be depended upon to put up such a poor show for the benefit of Kowloon. The Police always enjoy themselves in their games with the mainlanders, who will not enter the arena in an over-confident mood—at least it will not be paying if they do so. There is, however, a distinct possibility that they will add two further points to their present total.

Kowloon supporters will be interested to know that Austin, ex-Kowloon inside-left, is now playing at inside-right for the Engineers at Shanghai.

The Surreys will be trying a new inside-right for their first meeting with the Hongkong Club, one performance by Stairs having proved, apparently, all-sufficient. Hicks, the newcomer to the side, is the regular inside-right of the Surreys Reserves and has a little better idea of the niceties of the game, though he is rather on the light side. Gerrard returns to the Club first eleven though he takes up the right-half-back position instead of back. Humberstone who sustained concussion as the result of a crash in last week's match is fit again and leads the Surreys forward line. The game will be a hard one with the odds in favour of the visiting side.

The Club de Recreo will enter the field against the Royal Artillery with the memory of a five-two victory earlier in the season. Since that occasion however the Gunners have been strengthened by the arrival of a new battery which has given them three fairly efficient players. Grew at outside-right does a lot of good work and Excell gives Trim a greater confidence at right-back. I rather think the R.A. will turn the tables on the Portuguese team.

The Second Division fixture list is not over-burdened with matches of interest. The R.A. Reserves should manage to get the points in their game with St. Joseph's, though the latter team has been showing signs of returning to last season's form. China "A" Kowloon, and the Surreys Reserves should all finish up on the right side. In the "Third Division" the most interesting game seems to be that at Kowloon where the University are visitors. The Kowloon third team has not succeeded in winning yet though they showed some inconsistency a week ago when they drew with the Moslem "B" team. Kowloon have not however, been over-blessed with joss and they will give the Varsity folk a good game win or lose.

China "B" should do the necessary against Moslem "B" and St. Joseph's Reserves look likely winners over the Drums.

Fixtures, grounds and times of kick-off are as follows:

Lai Wah Cup—Replay.

Chinese v. Navy—Sookuppoo—4 p.m.

League, Div. I.

Club de Recreo v. R. A.—Navy "B"—4 p.m.

Police v. Kowloon—Kowloon 4 p.m.

Club v. Surreys—Club—4 p.m.

Division II "A."

R. A. Res. v. St. Joseph's—Navy "B"—2.30.

China "A" v. Recreo—S.C.A.—2.30.

Surreys Res. v. Club Res.—Club—2.30.

Drums v. Kowloon—Sookuppoo "B"—2.30.

Division II "B."

China "B" v. Moslem "B"—St. Jos.—2.30.

Kowloon "B" v. University—Kowloon—2.30.

St. Joseph's Res. v. Drums Res.—St. Jos.—4 p.m.

PROBABLE TEAMS.

KOWLOON: Vickers; Wheeler; Urquhart; Turner, Sims, McKelvie; McBride, Duncan, Linaker, Mason and Hayes. Reserve: Taylor.

POLICE: Clerk; Wynne, Harle; Brittain, Oram, Randle; Cornwall, McEwen, Johnson, Simpson and Noonan.

CLUB: Rodger; Summers, Bishop; Gerrard, Stewart, Walton; Brodie, Forsyth, Howard, Johnston and Key. Reserves: W. Stewart and A. Blair.

SURREYS: Douglas; Cooper, Jordan; McGreevey, Mitchell, Brister; Charlesworth, Hicks, Humberstone, Butler and Mackleworth.

ROYAL ARTILLERY: Stanton; Trip; Excell; Rachel, Reade, Vicars; Grew, Sargent, Pulford, Miles and Murphy.

CLUB RES: Garrard; Lyon, Oswald; Howell, Morrison, Panchen; C. Stewart, Pile, Hill, McBride, and Curtis.

KOWLOON RES: Rasmussen; Guest, Knight; Street, Brown, Pasco; Morris, Latham, Cavell, Fitzgerald, and Eastman.

KOWLOON "B": Nicholls; Spary; Hart; White, Bliss, Hedley; Duncan, Ross, Thomas, Miles and Mason W. M.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

Physical jerks on the Y. M. C. A. parade ground are attracting the attention of several young ladies of the village.... They'll make this sport popular yet!

Among those who were not sorry to see Charlie Eaton leave I. J. Home were Mr. J. McKelvie and Mr. J. Stewart though it is categorically denied that these two captains demanded "Can we count on that?" in anxious tones.

My friend, Hector N. Pector was not at all interested to hear that Cartledge and Morris are to meet.... Do the papers still publish that stuff as News? he asked.

You never know what these sport departmental heads will do.... For instance, there have been rumours—just rumours, mind you—that Bob Wynne will get his place in the Interport football team.

I understand that the Chinese team to meet the Navy to-morrow has now been selected as follows: Lau Hing-cheung; Leung Yuk-tong and Chan So; Ko Sik-wai; Wong Shui-wa and Lam Yuk-ying; Pang Kam-wing, Leung Wing-tat, Wong Pak-cheong, Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-ul.

REVOLVER INCIDENT.

POLICE PROSECUTION FAILS.

Owing to the evidence not being sufficiently strong, a Chinese who appeared at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, to answer a charge of assault with intent to rob, was discharged.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, who appeared for the Crown, explained that the alleged assault was the pointing of a revolver at a man.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Holmes said the case for the prosecution was the pointing of a revolver. The affair took place on November 17th, at 7.30 p.m. at the Kwok Ki shipyard, Cheung Sha Wan. At that time a Chinese apprentice was in a building at the shipyard when three men entered. Two of them were armed with revolvers and the other had a dagger in his hand. They told him to keep quiet, and the accused pointed his revolver at the apprentice. They went on to the centre of the room where a safe was kept, and commenced to move the safe.

The apprentice did not keep quiet, but ran to the roof, blowing his whistle. The men ran away, and the apprentice gave chase after the accused. The latter was eventually struck down by someone with a pole. No arms were found in his possession, but on retracing the man's course two loaded revolvers were found within a short distance of each other. The accused denied that either of them were his. At the Police Court he had made a statement to the effect that he had met two men who asked him to keep watch and give warning if a policeman came along. He had stated that he was walking and not running when he was caught.

The apprentice was called, and described the entrance of the men into the building, and what happened there. On being asked if he could see the accused in Court, he looked round for several minutes but did not identify him in the dock. He explained that his eyesight was not very good. In spite of numerous questions he did not say that a revolver was actually pointed at him.

In discharging the accused, owing to lack of evidence, after the jury had returned a verdict of not guilty, Sir Henry Gollan said he could consider himself a lucky man, and warned him to be more careful in the future.

ACCEPTED A BRIBE.

CHINESE CONSTABLE SENTENCED.

For accepting a bribe of \$20, with regard to the discovery of two jars of illicit prepared opium, a Chinese constable appeared in the dock before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The charge was that on November 4th, at Wong Chau village, being a member of the police force, he accepted a bribe from a Chinese of \$20, with a view to influencing his conduct with regard to a discovery by him of two jars of illicit prepared opium, and omitting to report the matter to his superior officer. He pleaded guilty.

Mr. H. K. Holmes said the accused went to the village of Wong Chau to a house where an old man was living. On searching the house, he found two jars of opium. The old man asked him to say nothing and offered him \$1, which he would not take. They spoke a different dialect, and the people were made to understand that he wanted more money. A daughter came to the house, and understood the accused to say that he wanted \$20, so she went out and borrowed the money and handed it to him.

In sentencing the accused to nine months' hard labour, the Chief Justice said he was a person with power, and he had used that power badly.

VICKERS' SCHEME.

LIVELY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

London, Dec. 17. After a rather lively meeting lasting for two and three-quarter hours, the shareholders of Messrs. Vickers, Limited, adopted by an overwhelming majority the reconstruction proposals, details of which were cabled a few days ago.—Router.

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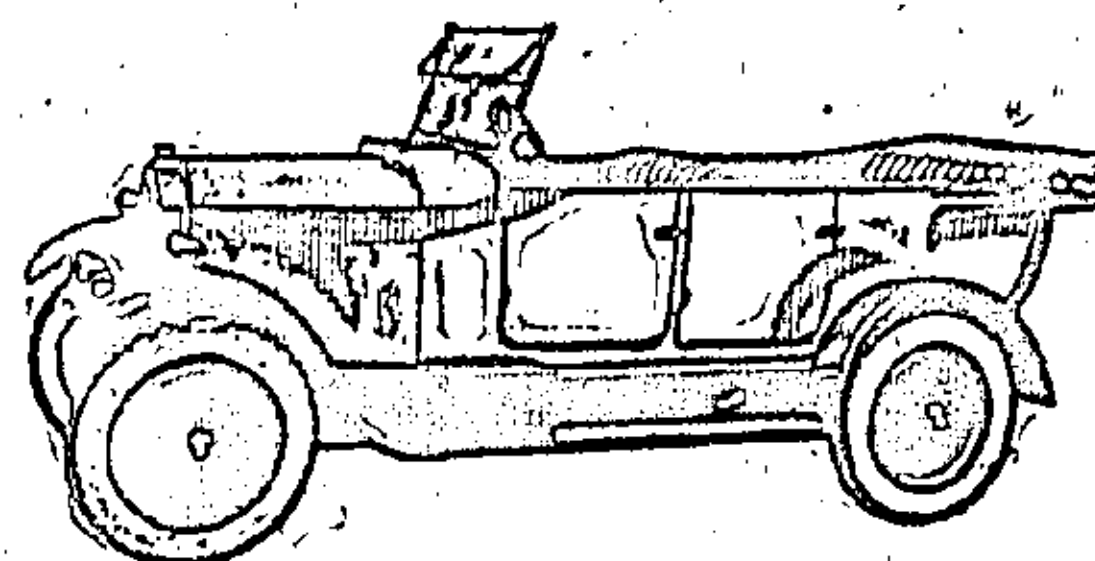
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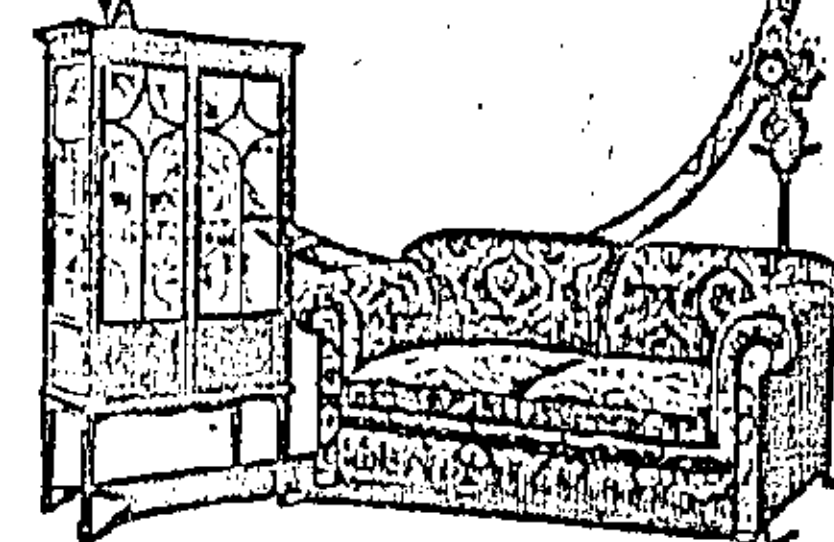
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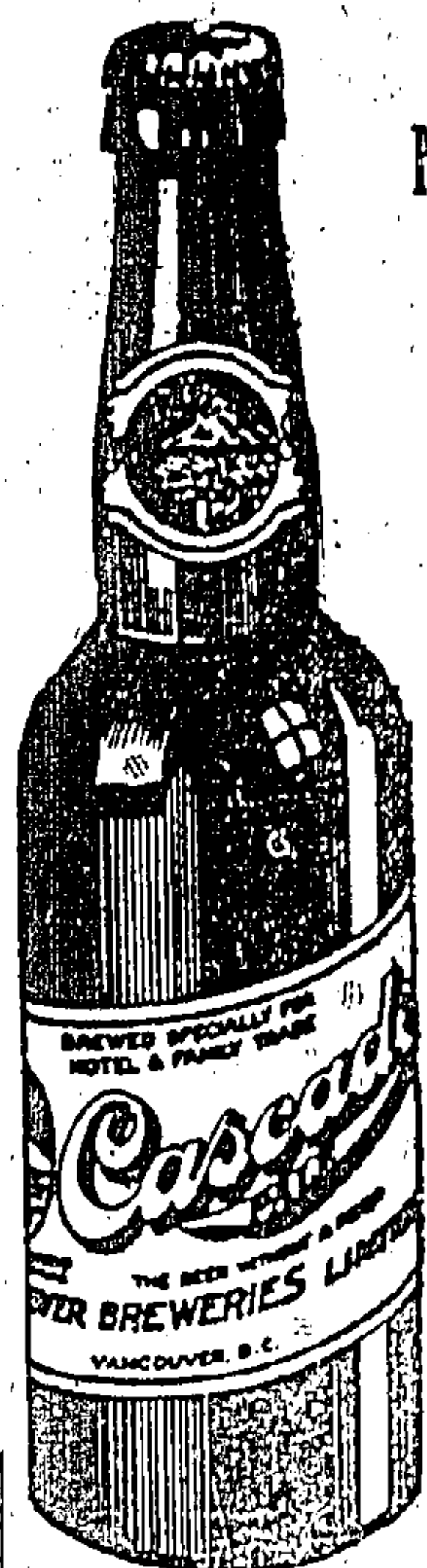
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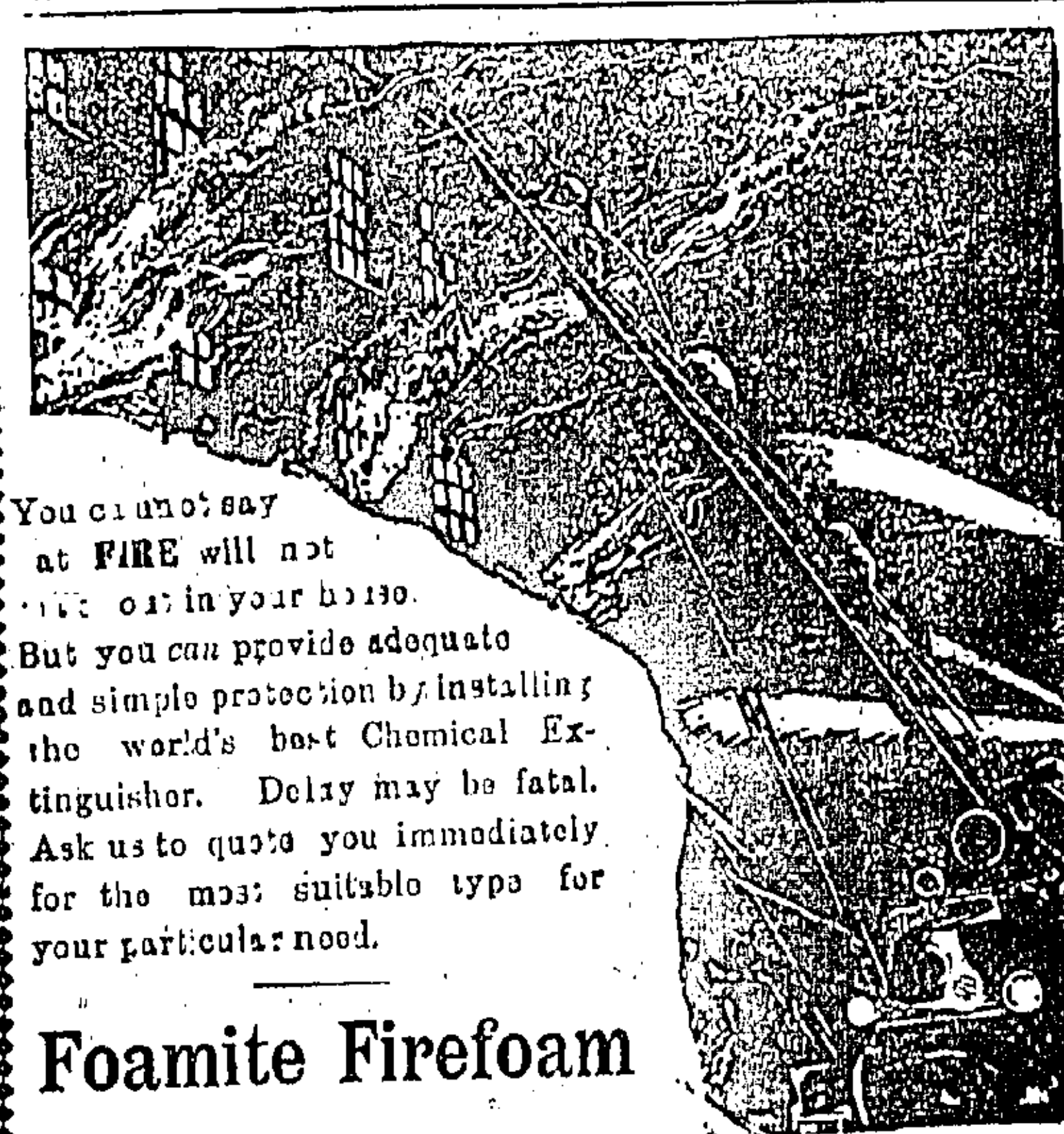
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TO-DAY'S HEALTH TALK.

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(BY DR. HUGH S. CUMMING.)

Next to lack of food, great fatigue is probably the most potent predisposing factor in tuberculosis.

Exhaustion may be produced by long hours of heavy work and also by lack of sleep and worry, long hours of study, in fact any excessive or prolonged exertion.

Even out-door sports, winter or summer, which are certainly to be encouraged, may defeat their end if indulged in to an immoderate degree or to the exclusion of proper resting periods.

Child labour, whether in factory or home, with excessively long working hours, occupations of the type that cannot be interrupted for Sunday rest or which tempt or drive by piece-work to excessive efforts or resistance and predispose to illness including tuberculosis.

Bad air or lack of proper ventilation may also act as a predisposing cause of this disease.

The air of poorly ventilated rooms is bad. Not only in factory and workshop and in overheated, poorly ventilated places of amusement, but also all too frequently in his own home the ordinary individual lacks good air. When air is breathed and rebreathed it becomes laden with poisonous materials.

Anyone who lives long in vitiated air grows pale, loses appetite, takes cold easily and becomes tired from slight exertion.

When we remember that many babies, most children and practically all grown-ups are infected with tubercle bacilli and when we know the fatal effects of close confinement, the need for proper ventilation becomes apparent.

Air flows, in very much the same way, as does water. To renew itself in a room, air should have an inlet and an outlet.

A room must be flushed with flowing air to sweep out pollution and the flow should be constant both in winter and summer.

The use of electric fans in offices may be as important in winter as in summer.

Do not put your electric fan in cold storage for the winter.

Make use of it if needed as an aid in ventilating the office, but more especially the workshop in keeping a steady stream of air flowing through it.

Ventilation at night is most important. The fear of night air is entirely without foundation.

FOLLOWS DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

It has long been known that measles and whooping cough in children are especially liable to be followed by tuberculosis, of the lungs and every effort should be made to protect a child from these diseases.

Mouth breathing should be corrected and adenoids removed.

Scarlet fever, influenza and colds, typhoid fever and all diseases which lower resistance, less nourishment and increase the stress of life at any age must be reckoned with as important factors in predisposing to tuberculosis.

The United States Public Health Service wishes to emphasize that at an early age practically all people have become slightly infected with living tubercle bacilli.

This fact need not cause alarm because such infection, probably gives a slight degree of protection against a subsequent infection.

Safety, however, depends upon the maintenance of a high degree of organic resistance to prevent these latent bacilli from producing active tuberculosis.

This is not to be accomplished by becoming an athlete but by the active observance of general hygienic principles throughout life.

Keep your body well nourished, avoid great fatigue, work and sleep in well ventilated rooms, in freely flowing air, and spend as much time as possible out of doors. Practice deep breathing and take proper nourishment.

Ordinary soap is a pretty good germicide, or germ-killer, according to experiments carried out by Dr. John E. Walker at the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. His experiments showed that soap killed the germs of pneumonia, diphtheria, blood-poisoning and a number of other diseases. He also found that a special soap made with coconut oil would kill the germs of typhoid fever. This soap, however, was somewhat irritating to the hands.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION.

SOME RECONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS.

In order to obtain a clear idea of the causes of the present industrial depression in Great Britain, it is necessary, says Barclay's Bank Monthly Review, to take a wide survey. The fact should be recognised that the difficulties are manifold and complex and that it is only by attacking the problem in many directions that substantial progress can be expected. The prevalent tendency to relate the depression to one sole cause gives a wrong impression as to the comprehensive nature of the task to be undertaken and weakens the individual sense of responsibility for contributing towards a solution. Even among those who recognise the many aspects of the problem, there is still a marked tendency to urge only the popular expedients. While the necessity for sacrifices may be admitted, it is usually claimed that these sacrifices should be borne by others, and this widespread refusal to face realities in reconstruction efforts. To a large extent, it is the reflection of post-war mentality. The artificial prosperity which existed during and immediately after the war and the exaggerated promises then made as to the social reforms to be inaugurated and the improved standards to be set up, gave rise to many false hopes. It was not sufficiently emphasised that the world became considerably poorer as a result of the war and that a world-wide upheaval can only tend, not to raise, but to lower, normal standards, particularly if efforts, instead of being increased, are relaxed. Recognition of this position, however, has not been readily accepted, either by Governments or by individuals, and the hope of escape from inexorable economic laws has been reflected in the reluctance of Governments to take effective steps to balance their budgets, in the desire to support exchanges by means of foreign credits, rather than by establishing equilibrium between imports and exports, in commercial applications for subsidies or tariffs as an alternative to meeting external competition by a reduction in costs, and in demands upon industry for profits and wages out of proportion to the proceeds available.

It is true that in many directions the disposition to take the line of least resistance has for some time past been very much less pronounced, particularly in this country, for both at home and abroad, a sounder basis of trading is being established and some of the more important obstacles in the way of a recovery are gradually being removed. A number of problems, however, still remain, and in this connection it is necessary to distinguish between those within and those outside our control. Even in the case of those outside our control, we are by no means helpless. This country, by advice and example, by financial assistance, by participation in European settlements, and by its policy of moderation and compromise, has been able to render great service in the restoration of more normal conditions on the Continent. In the reparations problem, the League of Nations schemes for Austria and Hungary, the Refugee Loan granted to Greece, and in many other questions, numerous interests have had to be consulted, but in all these cases Great Britain has been able to make a considerable contribution to European peace and prosperity. The successful issue of the Locarno negotiations was due in an important measure to the influence of British policy, and the operation of this Pact, assuming its ratification, should have important reactions upon trading prospects. Under its reassuring provisions, the countries of Europe should now be able to devote greater attention to trading, financial and economic questions, as a result of the removal of many political complications and anxieties. This removal should in turn enable European countries to reduce their expenditure on armaments and so facilitate the task of currency and budgetary reform. Further, with a more peaceful atmosphere on the Continent, it may reasonably be expected that the fierce nationalism, which has been a feature in many countries since the war, will be less pronounced, and so pave the way for greater economic co-operation and a fuller recognition of the mutual interdependence of nations.

DRAMATIC DISCOVERY.

ARCTIC TRAGEDY UNVEILED.

Nearly 80 years after the mysterious disappearance of the ill-fated Franklin expedition to discover the North-West passage, the bones of two of its members have been found.

The dramatic revelation was made in stirringly simple language to the Royal Geographical Society by the Danish explorer, Dr. Knud Rasmussen, who incidentally threw fresh light on that obscure, grim tragedy of the frozen north.

A cairn was built over the bodies as they lay, and the two flags—the British and the Danish—hoisted at half-mast.

"We were glad to feel, as they perhaps might have been glad to feel," said Dr. Rasmussen, "that the work for which they gave their lives was still going on."

While himself making the passage in the course of a 3½ years' expedition, principally to study the Eskimo, which he completed last year, Dr. Rasmussen encountered, at Pelly Bay, an old man named Iggiarsuk.

Iggiarsuk's father had actually met some of Franklin's party, and had given the following account to his son:

We were out hunting seal. Suddenly we heard the shouting of strange men from the land (this was King William's Island). We ran up to them, and saw that they were white men. They were thin, with sunken cheeks, like starving men.

We took them to our tent and gave them seal meat and blubber. They pointed toward the south, towards the Great Fish River, and made signs by which we understood that they had formerly been many comrades together, but only few were left.

Afterwards, at another time, we found their ship. It was out in the ice between King William's Island and Victoria Land.

Many dead men were on the ship and we could see that they had died of a sickness. Also there was found a boat, with six dead men; there was food enough, and it seemed that these also had died of a sickness.

"Iggiarsuk then gave me the position of four different spots," continued Dr. Rasmussen, "where lay the bones of Franklin's men. I succeeded in locating two of these places, one in King William's Island, the other on the shore of Starvation Cove, in the Adelaide Peninsula.

"We found the bodies. With them were still some fragments of clothing, enough to show that they were actually white men."

"A cairn was then built over the bodies as they lay, and the

two flags—their own and ours—hoisted at half-mast.

"We were glad to feel, as they perhaps might have been glad to feel," added the explorer, "that the work for which they gave their lives was still going on."

Dr. Rasmussen further discovered that all the iron then in use among the tribe at Pelly Bay, in the form of knives, harpoon heads, arrow heads, and the like, came from the ship of a white man that had wintered in Felix Harbour and Victoria Harbour 100 years before. "This, of course, was Ross," he commented.

Altogether the expedition covered 20,000 miles without mishap, conducting its investigations from Greenland along the north coast of Canada, round the north of Alaska and across the Bering Sea to Siberia. "We met with kindness and helpfulness all through," he said, "except in Soviet Russia."

Unknown Tribe.

Learning of the existence of a strange tribe in the Barren Grounds, Dr. Rasmussen made a toilsome sledge journey—occupying two months—inland from Chesterfield Inlet, Hudson Bay.

On the great lake of Yathkied he found a tribe no record of which had ever appeared, and many of whom had never seen a white man.

An animal tribe, they were so ignorant of coast life that they asked what the horns of seal were like! "And when we happened to arrive with some walrus meat on our sledges they forbade us to cut it up as they did not know what it was."

Their mode of life is the most primitive that is known to exist, and everything seems to indicate that they are themselves a remainder of the aboriginal Eskimos.

In his eight months' journey by sledge homeward-bound, Dr. Rasmussen followed the North-West Passage, and came into contact with many tribes which are almost, if not entirely, unknown.

He had continual difficulties with the natives, who live in such a state of isolation that any stranger is regarded as an enemy. "In many places we found them still using bows and arrows," he said.

"It is hard to imagine a corner of the world in which people had never heard of the late war. But this was the case with the natives here."

"As a general rule, they turned out fully armed to meet us, and we had to halt the sledge a good way outside their villages."

"In some cases, too, on arriving at a settlement only the women came out to receive us, the men being hidden behind the huts ready to fall upon us at the first sign of danger. But we always

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A mail attendant on the machine will use a kind of bomb-dropping sight. The mail bags will fall earthwards like a stone, but, when within about 50 feet of the ground, a parachute will automatically come into action, and the bags will land gently.

managed to establish a good understanding with them after a while."

It is a custom among these tribes to kill off nearly all girl children as soon as they are born, unless they have been asked in marriage beforehand. The girls are sacrificed in favour of boys. We might well suppose that a custom so brutal in itself could only make for brutality generally, but, as a matter of fact, we find in the everyday life of these people frequent instances of the greatest heroism and self-sacrifice.

We find, for instance, a mother who has herself killed seven of her children at birth. Yet, when her grown-up son dies, she feels the loss so deeply that she is quite literally unable to survive it. It happened in the winter, and she went out on to a frozen lake, calmly cut a hole in the ice, and clambered down under it to drown.

In another case a young man, who had himself assisted at the hanging of his father, was so distressed at the loss of his mother that he stripped himself naked, went out into the snow and froze to death in a temperature 50 deg. below zero.

A father, whose son was to be hanged for the murder of two white men, made three attempts at suicide before succeeding in his determination, in order that the boy "should not find himself alone on the other side."

"Died As They Walked."

The tragedy which overtook the Franklin Expedition, together with the mystery of their disappearance, which baffled the world for years and is not yet entirely explained, forms one of the most dramatic episodes in Arctic history.

In 1845 Sir John Franklin was appointed to the command of the expedition, which consisted of the Erebus and Terror, with 134 chosen officers and men. The vessels sailed from Greenwich on May 19, 1845, and were last seen on July 26 by a whaler in Baffin Bay.

No tidings of the expedition having reached England, as many as 15 expeditions were dispatched between 1848 and 1854, with the object of rescuing the missing explorers. An exploring party in the yacht Fox, purchased and fitted out by Lady Franklin, and under Captain (afterwards Sir) L. McClintock, found many relics of the Franklin Expedition among the Eskimos, while skeletons found along the coast told a terrible tale of disaster.

Record in Cairn.

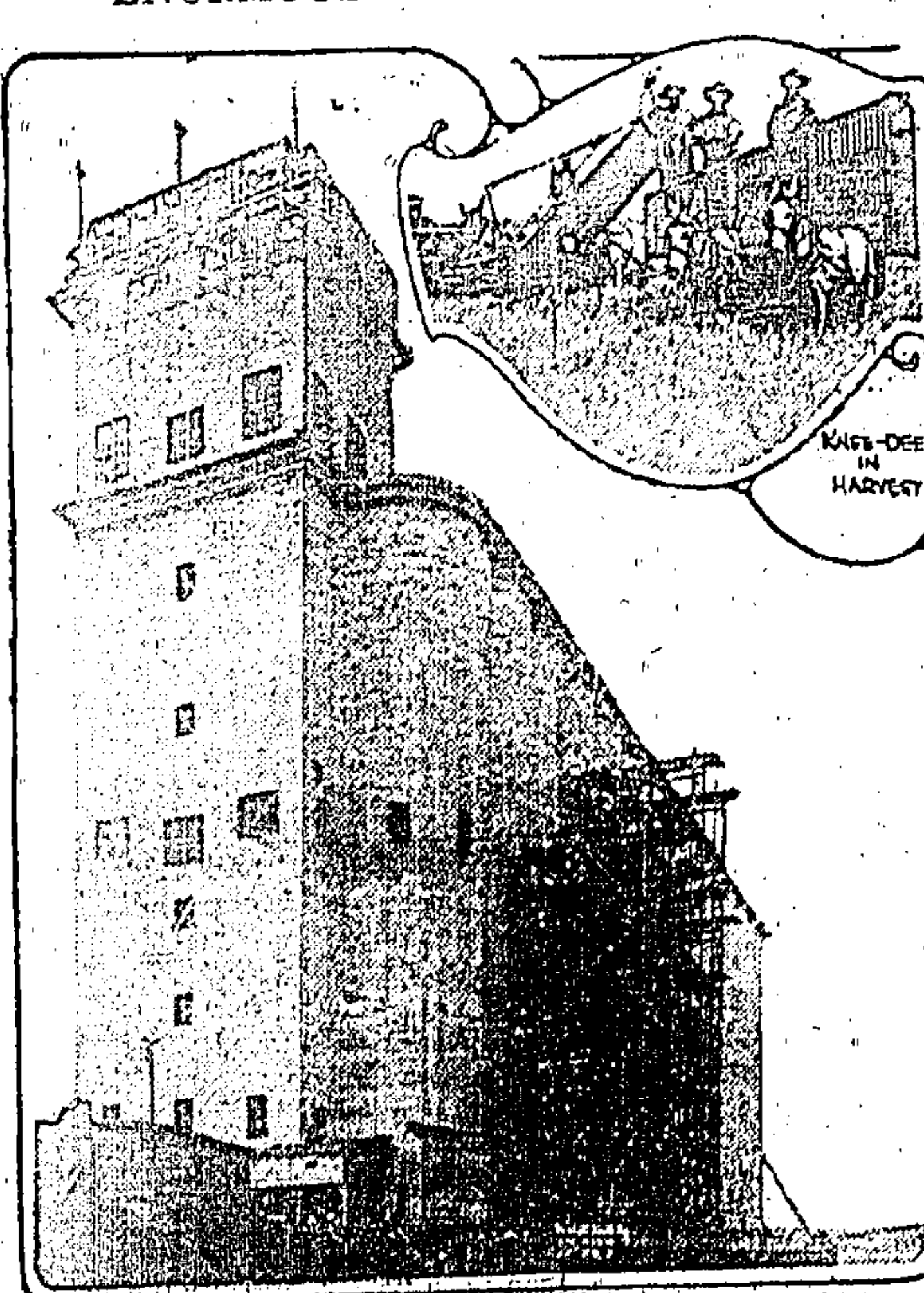
A record found in a cairn at Point Victory, told the history of the expedition down to April 25, 1848. An addition in the handwriting of Captain Fitzjames, dated April 25, 1848, narrated that the Erebus and Terror were deserted on April 22, having been beset in the ice since September 12, 1845; and that Franklin died on June 11, 1847.

An Eskimo woman told McClintock a story of having seen 40 survivors of the ill-fated expedition late in 1848.

"They fell down and died as they walked," she added dramatically.

In 1878-80 an American expedition found skeletons and their relics of Franklin's men, and the body of one of the explorer's lieutenants (Irving) was brought to Edinburgh and buried.

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tion of Opium, Treasures and

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ed on unless intimation is receiv-

ed from the Consignees before

5 p.m. To day, requesting it to

be landed here.

Bills of lading will be counter-

signed by the Under-signed,

Goods remaining unclaimed at

Friday, the 18th December at

Noon will be subject to rent and

lading charges.

All claims must be sent in to

me on or before the Monday,

the 21st Dec. or they will not be

recognised.

All damaged packages will

be examined on Friday, the

18th December at 10 a.m. by

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Hongkong 12th Dec., 1925.

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Further Sailings:— { Expected on or Will leave homeward bound
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S.S. "Kina" 10th January
M.S. "Tongking" 22nd January
M.S. "Danmark" 15th February
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THREE YEARS.

ROBBER SENTENCED AT
SESSIONS.

Two charges were preferred
against a Chinese at the Criminal
Sessions this morning, before the
Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan.
One was of robbing a man of a
watch and \$52 in money on July
10th at Shamshui, with four
other persons unknown, and the
second was of receiving a watch
at Mongkoktsui, well knowing it
to have been stolen.

Asked if he pleaded guilty or
not guilty, the accused said he
did not take any part in the rob-
bery, and knew nothing about it,
but a few minutes later he con-
tradicted himself and admitted
that he went with the other men
to steal.

In outlining the case, Mr. H. K.
Holmes said at 8.30 p.m. someone

went up the stairs of a house in
Shamshui, and called out that
he had brought a parcel from the
occupant's younger brother. The
occupant, who had bad eyesight,
opened the door, and was seized
by the throat by the man outside.
Three other men entered the room
and a struggle took place. The
wife of the occupant told them not
to struggle, and told her husband
to let the men take what they
wanted. They were both pushed
into a cubicle and an attempt was
made to break open a safe. The
neighbours were roused by the
noise and the men got away. The
accused was found in connection
with the pawning of the watch.

Sir Henry Gollan said he must
do his best to make the public un-
derstand that they could not com-
mit such offences with impunity.
The accused would have to go to
prison for three years with hard
labour.

The second count was not pro-
ceeded with.

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PAWNSHOP ROBBERY.

CHINESE GETS THREE YEARS.

The story of a Chinese who was
shot while attempting to escape
over a verandah was told at the
Criminal Sessions this morning,
before the Chief Justice, Sir
Henry Gollan. The accused, a
Chinese named Fung Wong-sang,
was charged with robbing the Po
Tai pawnshop at Hungtom, of a
large quantity of jewellery, to the
value of \$5,000, in company with
two others unknown. The jewellery
included 240 rings, 148 ear-rings,
139 bracelets, 30 gold pendants,
two strings of pearls, five pieces
of jade, and 28 watches. The ac-
cused pleaded guilty.

Stating the facts of the case,
Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor,
said on July 30th, at 5.15 p.m.,
four men entered the pawnshop,
and bound and gagged the oc-
cupants, after which they took the
articles mentioned in the charge.
The accused was arrested on
August 13th, and in the house
where he was living was found
some of the stolen property, to-
gether with other miscellaneous
jewellery. On attempting to
escape over a verandah, a Chinese
policeman fired at him, and in-
flicted a wound. He had been in
hospital for three months.

Sir Henry Gollan said it was a
very serious case, and he took a
serious view of it. He had given
very severe sentences in similar
cases. He would, however, take
into consideration the fact that
prisoner had done his best to help
the police in the administration
of justice, and also the fact that
he had been wounded. He would
have to go to prison for three
years with hard labour.

PROHIBITION PROBLEM.

STARTLING AND SERIOUS
REVELATIONS.

New York, Dec. 17.
Startling prohibition statistics
were quoted by Mr. Buckner, the
United States Attorney, in a
speech here. He declared that
there had been 511 deaths from
alcoholic poisoning in New York
City in 1925, as compared with 87
in 1918. Fifty per cent. of 5,000
samples of domestically manufac-
tured liquor seized in 1920 were
genuine whisky, but such genuine
liquor comprised less than two
per cent. of a larger amount seized
in 1925. Mr. Buckner alluding
to factories and offices in New
York City where bootleggers were
equipped with colouring and sea-
soning fluids and manufactured
all varieties of liquor using wood
alcohol as the basis, he declared
that the prohibition problem no
longer lay in Rum Row with its
spectacular sea battles, but in
finding a method to bottle up the
stream of poisoned industrial
alcohol which was continually
flowing from plants officially con-
trolled, of which at least forty
million gallons reached the bot-
tleggers last year.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

SYRIAN SITUATION.

GERMAN REPORTS DENIED.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The High Commissioner for
Syria and the Liban states that he
finds himself obliged to contradict
the news sent out by the German
radio service at Nauen, according
to which the French bombarded
Damasus, a street fight took place
in the town, and the Druses oc-
cupied a quarter in Damasus.
These three news items are false;
says the Commissioner. The at-
titude of the population during the
visit of the High Commissioner to
Aleppo showed the pacific and ami-
able spirit of the population and
the desire of the great majority to
maintain the French mandate.
Disorders which were created and
maintained by the elements group-
ed around Damasus exasperated
the other regions in Syria which
place their sole hope on France to
re-establish amongst the different
crowds and races the harmony in-
dispensable to common prosperity.
—*Indopacific.*

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Senate has passed a vote of
confidence in the Government after
a debate on the Syria question.—
Reuter.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence
Corps orders, issued by Lieut.-Col.
L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

Rifles And Bayonets.
All rifles and bayonets must be
returned to Volunteer Headquarters
before the Christmas holidays.

Miniature Range.
Range has been allotted as under:
Monday, 21st December, at 5.30
p.m., Armoured Car Co.
Tuesday, 22nd December, at 5.30
p.m., Reserve Co.

Promotion.
No. 779 Sergt. J. E. Hancock, Ar-
mourer Car Co., to be Company-
Sergeant-Major, as from 10th De-
cember, 1925.

Reversions.
No. 511 C.S.M. O. Eager, Ar-
mourer Car Co., No. 1/Bdr. T. T.
Williams, Artillery Co., and No.
654 A/L/Corpl. W. L. Smith, Mount-
ed Infantry Co., are permit-
ted to revert to the rank of Pri-
vates at their own request, as from
10th December, 1925.

Transfers.
The following are permitted to
transfer as under, as from 10th De-
cember, 1925:—

No. 511 Pte. O. Eager, Armour-
er Car Co., to Reserve Co.
No. 641 Pte. T. Williams, Artil-
lery Co., to Reserve Co.
No. 554 Pte. W. L. Smith, Mount-
ed Infantry Co., to No. 1
Platoon.
No. 629 Pte. D. MacCrae, No. 5
Platoon, to Reserve Co.

Resignations.
The following are permitted to
resign from the Corps, as from 15th
December, 1925:—

No. 506 Pte. P. W. F. Mills,
Armoured Car Co.
No. 993 Pte. W. F. Curwen,
Armoured Car Co.
No. 393 Spr. S. Longfield, En-
gineer Co.

L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, December 18th, 1925.
Notices.

1.—All men in the British Em-
pire wearing the King's uniform
on Christmas Day, 1914, were eli-
gible to receive Her Royal High-
ness the Princess Mary's Christ-
mas gift box.

Any such member, who has never
received the gift, should send in
his name to the Adjutant without
delay.

2.—The Artillery Challenge Cup,
presented by Sir Hercules G. R.
Robinson, was won on November
22nd, 1925, by No. 1 (City) Sec-
tion, Artillery Company, Hong-
kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Lazard Cup, presented by
Sir F. J. D. Lazard for shooting
at unknown ranges, was won on
December 6th, 1925, by the Mount-
ed Infantry Company. The Scot-
tish Company were second and the
Engineer Company third.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST STRAITS'
QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. inform us
that they have received cable in-
formation that the rubber market is
dull and giving the following
quotations and dividends declared:

Allenbys	\$ 3.90
Alor Gajahs	3.60
Ayer Moleks	3.75
Ayer Panas	17.00
Balwynies	6.50
Bassetts	2.10
Brogas	2.05
Bukit Jelutongs	1.70
Bukits Katils	1.80
Changkat Serdangs	11.00
Connemarus	3.25
Glenculies	3.00
Indragiris	11.50
Jerams	1.80
Jimahs	3.00
Kedahs	5.10
Kempas	12.00
Kuala Silims	4.50
Lunas	19.50
Malaka Pindas	4.05
Mandai Tekongs	6.25
Mayfields	15.00
New Craigeleas	2.75
New Serendahs	5.75
Nyalas	17.25
Pajamas	18.50
Punggors	1.95
Sandycrofts	5.50
Seudais	4.50
Sungol Bayans	6.00
Tapahs	33.50
Tambalaks	1.90
Teluk Ansons	18.50
United Malaccas	3.75
Utan Simpans	5.85

Dividends.
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